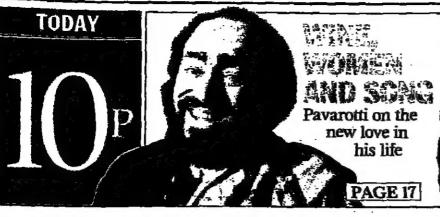
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Welfare seen as safety net for poor

Middle class state benefits may be taxed

THE middle classes are being targeted by the Treasury in proposals to reform the welfare state going far beyond anything so far envisaged.

All state benefits - including child benefits - could be either taxed or means tested under proposals in response to Tony Blair's order to "think the unthinkable".

In what could be the most far-reaching change, the Treasury is looking at scrapping housing benefit, paid to four million people, and its replacement with a flat-rate payment which could result in tens of

thousands losing out. Housing benefit is given to the unemployed to pay rent or mortgage interest. Those on low incomes can also get help but the benefit is reduced as the claimants earn more.

The aim of the proposals would be to limit the role of the welfare state to that of a safety net for the poorest groups with greater provision for their health and care costs.

The scale of the review, details of which have been leaked to The Times, is far wider than has so far been assumed and goes much further than attempts by the Tories to curb the £100 billion benefit bill.

The Prime Minister has made it clear that he sees welfare reform as one of the most important programmes. Officials have been asked to scrutinise every benefit.

The moves, part of the Treasury's spending review, are bound to fuel the growing revolt over the Government's plans to cut single parent benefits which will come to a head in a Commons vote on

some of whom have already been hit by Gordon Brown's decision to scrap Peps and Tessas and charge for tuition fees for universities, are the

The thrust of the exercise is to remove middle class subsidies and ensure that benefits are given to those most at

Taxing child benefit, which was considered and rejected by the Tories, would affect millions of families. Over 6.7 million parents now get pay-ments of up to fil a week a child. Labour had toyed with taxing child benefit for higherrate payers when John Smith was Leader and then proposed scapping child benefit for 16-18

Under the plans all families would be taxed, effectively cutting the benefit by 23 per cent because most working mothers who work pay the basic rate of tax. The richest families, where the wife is not working, might haveescaped. To avoid this officials are considering the reintroduction of joint taxation or taxing the husband's income while still paying the payment to the wife, Joint taxation would probably apply to married

and co-habiting couples. Gordon Brown has already signalled that he is in favour of

some integration of tax and behefits and is examining a tax credit for low-paid work-ing families. This would also be easier if couples were taxed together. Although Harriet Wednesday.
But the middle classes Harman, the social security secretary was initially op-posed to this she is said to be

> The Government has a least two studies looking at pension provision but Treasury officials are now also drawing up a plan to target poorer groups by paying more to those who pay the least national insurance contributions and less to those who pay most. The plan would go further than taxing pensions, which is already done, but would ensure extra payments for the most needy.

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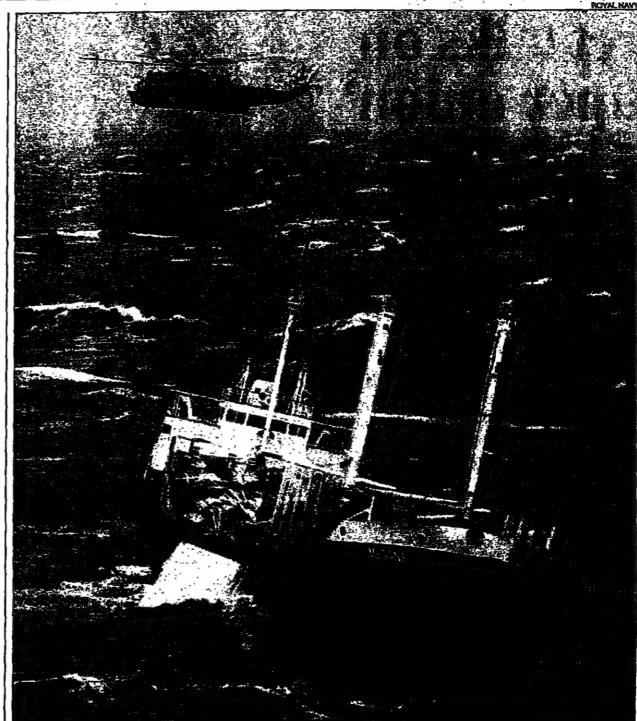
The most controversial proposal is to abolish housing benefit, which is paid on a sliding scale, and replace this with flat-rate payments based for an area. Those out of work would

payments raised by a sum equivalent to an average rent, while those working on low income would be given a flat Tenants would then be able to choose how much they

have their income support

wanted or were able to spend on housing, with the aim of pushing down private rents. Many claimants would be considerably worse off but the Continued on page 2, page 4

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HELICOPTER from HMS Invincible going to the rescue of the crew on a stricken eargo ship in the Mediterranean yesterday (Richard Owen writes).

In an operation co-ordinated by the Italian coastguard at Reggio Cala-bria, in southern Italy, four

Invincible to rescue

helicopters - two Italian and two from Invincible - answered a distress call from the Megane, a St Vincentregistered cargo ship which began to sink 80 miles off the coast of Sicily. The coast-

guard said water had entered be ship's engine room at about 8am, and the Megan had begun to list badly. The mayday call picked up by Invincible,

with the helicopters operat-ing over heavy seas in a force nine gale.

The Megane, however, was still sinking last night and had lost much of its cargo of

area. The Italian authorities

said that all 13 members of

the crew had been rescued.

Antarctic skydivers plummet 8,000ft to death

By DANIEL MCGRORY

INVESTIGATORS are trying to discover why three of the six men making a unique skydive over the South Pole died when their parachutes failed to open. The survivors could only watch helplessly as the victims

— two Americans and an Austrian — plunged 8,000ft on to the polar ice.

The group had paid \$22,000 (£13,000) each for the 90-second humo mutting them second jump, putting them among the handful of parachutists to jump successfully over both North and South Poles. All six were said to be "vastly experienced skydivers" who had spent months plan ning the expedition.

The Canadian firm Adventure Network International, which flew the six to Antarctica, said last night: "This is a terrible tragedy and a mystery as all these men knew what they were doing and had taken

every precaution."

Mike McDowell, a company spokesman, said: "The only possible explanations are equipment failure, error of udgment, or some freak happening.

One theory is that the men could have suffered a "white out" and, faced with the vast expanse of ice below them, did to the ground.

American military personnel who helped to recover the bodies said last night that there were indications that one of the victims' parachutes partially opened, suggesting it may have been opened too late. Conditions for the jump

were said to be perfect. The survivors and the pilot are just too shocked to tell us much, Mr McDowell said. We cannot name the victims until next of kin have been

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Pressure grows on Robinson

Ceoffrey Robinson, the Paymaster General and multimillionaire, to make a detailed statement on his financial affairs, after the discovery that he has connections to offshore trusts in Bermuda as well as to a trust in

Champion draw

Chelsea, the holders, have been drawn at home to Manchester United, the Premiership champions, in the FA Cup third round. There are four other all-Premiership



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Labour aides may quit over £6 cut

By JILL SHERMAN

AT LEAST two ministerial aides are threatening to resign over Government plans to cut single parent benefit by £6 a

Backbenchers claim that 25 MPs are preparing to vote against the Social Security Bill which has its Third Reading on Wednesday and say that several more will abstain. The revolt is already over

shadowing Tony Blair's launch today of the Social Exclusion Unit set up to address specific problems such as truancy, homelessness and poor housing estates.

Neil Gerrard, Parliamentary Private Secretary to Dawn Primarolo, Treasury Financial Secretary, hinted yesterday that he might step down: I shan't say anything until I have spoken to Dawn on Tuesday," he said.

Two MPs. Audrey Wise, and Lynne Jones, have co-

insored an amendment to the Bill, calling for the cuts to be restored. Or John Marek, MP for Wrexham, said he would be at the Commons to vote against the Government.

"Last year I spoke up against the measure. My par-ty was against the measure. I really cannot be expected to turn turtle now without good reasons - and the reasons are not there," he said. Maria Fyfe, MP for Glas-

gow Maryhill, said she would also oppose the Government on Wednesday. "If this was a free vote we would win. But there are many, many people who have expressed disquiet who feel

reluctant to vote against the

Labour Government." Tony McWalter, MP for Hemel Hempstead, and a opponent of the cuts, said: "We are continuing to fight hard to try to get the Government to

Major fury over report on opera

BY CAROL MIDGLEY MEDIA CORRESPONDENT JOHN Major has made a

withering attack on the all-party committee of MPs which published a report attacking the management of the Royal Opera House. In a letter to The Times today, Mr Major condenus

the report as unfair, deficient and overstated and accuses the Culture Select Committee, chaired by Ger-ald Kaufman, of using the merciless wisdom of hindsight to flay nearly all con-cerned". He asserts it is a parody of the report which should have been written.

Mr Major, who says he has spent "many happy hours at the opera hour leaps in particular to the defence of Lord Chadlington, the former opera house chairman, who resigned last week

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Bremner, Leeds and Scotland star, dies

By PHILIP DELVES BROUGHTON

BILLY BREMNER, the Scotland and Leeds United footballer of the late sixties and seventies, died yesterday of a suspected heart attack. He

Bremner and managed by Don Revie, dominated English football in that period.



Bremner: "one of the post-war greats'

Bremner, five foot five and with bright ginger hair, was as skilful as he was passionate about the game. "I couldn't wait for three o'clock," he said recently of his days as a player. There could have been police about to arrest me for murder, but they'd have to

wait until 20 to five." Bremner was taken ill at his home in Conisborough, near Doncaster, South Yorkshire, after a party on Friday eve-ning. He was admitted to the Mexborough and Montague hospital suffering from chest pains and died yesterday

morning.
Tony Banks, the sports min-ister said: "It is tragic. He was one of the post-war greats. He was a giant character. He had a reputation for being of one of the trughest guys around. He was a fantastically aggressive midfield player."

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Church takes mission to supermarket aisles



BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

SHOPPERS who opt to spend the last Sanday before Christmas at their local supermarket could be in for a spiritual surprise. Instead of e usual versions of Jingle Bells, store speakers throughout the land will suddenly ring out the measured tones of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George

Shoppers at 216 Anda supermarkets will be handed an order of service and invited to sing along to hymns and carols as they choose goods or queue at the The service is an indication

that, with the coming of Sunday trading, Dr Carey and the Church of England have finally accepted that if the people won't go to church any more on Sunday, the church most go to the people. Dr Carey, who recently singled out for praise those vicars who take services in their local pubs and on the streets, will shortly prebroadcast to a potential "con-

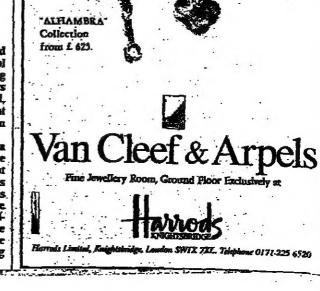
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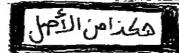
shoppers on what has beshopping days of the year. He is expected to focus on the spiritual meaning of Chritmas in the context of a commercial environment.

And if this unusual mix of God and mammon gives him any cause for concern, he can nfort himself with the knowledge that he will reach nearly as many people as traditional Church of England services on the same day. A mere LI million Anglicans now turn up to church in England on Sundays.

kets, such as Tesco, have held occasional Sunday school services, and many shopping centres have carol singers during the Christmas period. , the Asda venture is thought to be the first of its kind in The idea started out as a

plan for a carol service in one store, in Gravesend. But when Dr Carey indicated his interest and said he was willing to take part, the decision was made to broadcast the carol service live through every store, via the store's Wigan broadcasting





Pressure builds on Robinson over offshore trusts

PRESSURE is mounting on Geof-frey Robinson, the multimillionaire minister, to make a detailed statement on his financial affairs after the discovery that he has connections to offshore trusts in

Bermuda as well as Guernsey. The Paymaster General, who is a key government adviser on tax policy, has been accused of hypocrisy after last week launching the Government's £50,000 limit on taxfree savings. There is also concern that there could be a conflict of interest between his financial af-

The Paymaster General faces fresh questions over his financial affairs this week, says Chris Ayres fairs and his position as Paymaster

General. Records show that in 1991 Mr Robinson transferred a personal shareholding worth about £380,000 in Latchuser, a family property company, into the Inter-Trust Company of

Mr Robinson is under pressure to reveal how many offshore trusts he has an interest in, and how he funds his lifestyle, which includes owning homes in Cannes, Tuscany and Hampshire.

Mr Robinson's connection to trusts in Bermuda was discovered only a week after it emerged that the MP was a beneficiary of the Orion trust in Guernsey. Mr Robinson's decision not to declare his connection to Orion in the Register of Members' Interests is to be investigated by Sir Gordon Downey, the parliamentary commissioner for standards. There is also speculation over how much money was given to Mr Robinson by Joska Bourgeois, the wealthy Belgian car importer who set up Orion for the MP before she died

in 1994. Peter Lilley, the Shadow Chancellor, last week added to the pressure on Mr Robinson by questioning the independence of Orion. Mr Robinson claims there

is no need to declare his interest in the trust because it was not established by him, and that it is operated at arm's length. He also says he is only a discretionary beneficiary of Orion.

However, Mr Lilley has pointed out that the trust made complex transactions with Stenbell, a comparty owned by Mr Robinson, before he became a minister. It later emerged that Orion had bought £3 million worth of shares in TransTec, the engineering com-pany founded by Mr Robinson 16 years ago, while he was a government minister. Also, Stenbell's accounts say that Mr Robinson is a

Mr Lilley has written to Sir Terence Burns, the permanent secretary at the Treasury who advises ministers on conflict of

beneficiary of Orion, not a discre-

interests, to ask whether he knew of these transactions when he advised Mr Robinson.

Although there is no suggestion that Mr Robinson has done anything illegal, his connection to taxfree trusts has already caused the Government serious embarrass-ment, and has turned the launch of its individual savings account into a public-relations catastrophe. The controversy also comes only shortly after the Chancellor said he would crack down on multimillionaires using tax-havens.

Left-wing teachers The wine then Of in secret talks on new 'super union'

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

held secret talks on the establishment of a "super-union" covering schools and colleges, which moderates claim would revive the threat of classroom

Financial troubles caused by falling membership have caused speculation over the long-term future of the 65,000strong National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education. There has been a steady drift of university members into a rival union, and many activists see the National Union of Teachers as the natural home of their counterparts in further education colleges.
Militant college lecturers

could tip the balance of power towards the hard Left in the NUT and lend new support for industrial action in schools. Moderates hold a majority of two on the NUT executive and a fierce battle is being fought this year for political control of the union.

The Left fielded a strong slate of candidates for the five officers' posts in elections held last month. Four former presidents wrote to all London members saying that they were "alarmed by the incursion of Trotskyist groups into the NUT and urging them to vote for moderate candidates, who subsequently won all five

Although the Left has dominated recent NUT conferences, winning key votes and capturing the headlines, it has never secured a majority on the union's national executive. Following an approach by Nathe to John Monks, the

TUC general secretary, in July, teaching union representatives met last week to discuss closer relationships and a Derek Betts, Natihe's senior official, wrote to Doug McAvoy, the NUT's general secretary, in October suggest ing that the two unions should consider closer links.

Natihe has fought a series of lengthy and largely unsuccessful disputes in further education colleges. More than 10,000 lecturers have lost their jobs or become part-time.

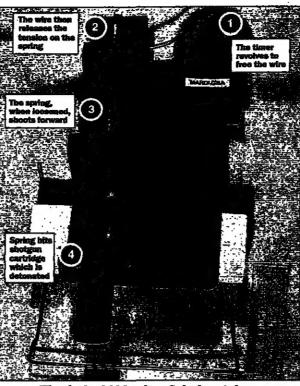
Two of the last three general secretaries have been voted out of office, while the third resigned under pressure from

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the union's executive last May. A successor will be named on Friday, following an election which three of the five candidates have advocated doser links with the NUT.

Mr Betts, who was not a candidate, acknowledged that Natifie had financial difficulties, but said there were no plans for mergers. The union already had a partnership agreement with the NUT. There are lots of different scenarios that people paint for the future, but we certainly haven't opened merger talks with anybody," he said.

However, a leading NUT moderate who declined to be named, said: "There is open talk of mergers among Natifie members, who doubt that the union will be viable for more than five years. They see the higher education membership going to the AUT, whether in dribs and drabs or a merger, while the NUT would provide a strong base for the rest. It would be extremely dangerous for schools if that happened because they form the most militant section of Nathe and the Left could dominate the



The device hidden in a Sainsbury's bag

Shopping-bag bomber may kill

By TERRI JUDD

DETECTIVES said yesterday that an innocent person could be killed if a blackmailer who calls himself the "Mardi Gra" bomber is not turned in. The bomber has struck in London and the South to try to extort cash from businesses.

On the third anniversary of the first hit, he struck for the 31st time, terrifying a 73-yearold pensioner who picked up a potentially deadly package. To date no one has been seriously injured, but Detective Superintendent Jeffrey Rees said: "I believe someone knows or may suspect who this person is. I would ask them to contact police as soon as possible before some innocent person is seriously

The latest incident was on Saturday afternoon when a pensioner inadvertently picked up a Sainsbury's bag along with her own shopping at a bus stop on the Uxbridge Road, near the West Ealing store. It was not until she returned to her home in Hanwell, West London, that she discovered a 20cm device made up of a timer, spring,

copper tabing and shotgun cartridge. The improvised shotgun matched previous bombs designed to fire when A team from the Anti-

Terrorist Branch and Metro-

politan police's Organised Crime Group still cannot offer a clear description of the bomber. They are even reluctant to state whether it is the work of a single man, woman The bomber first struck on December 6, 1994, when six

parcels were posted to Barclays' banks followed by a blackmail demand. Wrapped in Christmas paper they bore the message "Welcome to the Mardi Gra experience". Nineteen attacks followed. The last, in April 1996, injured three people.

Theories that a disgruntled employee or customer was behind the campaign were scotched when the focus moved from the bank to supermarkets.

Police said that anyone spotting an unattended Sainsbury's bag to report it

Electronic signature will cut red tape'

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND JILL SHERMAN

PEOPLE will be able to fill in a tax return, apply for state benefits and renew their car licence from the comfort of home under an electronic revolution to be launched by the

Government today. David Clark, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, will announce plans for the first 'electronic signature", which is intended to make paper forms obselete.

Using either an on-line home computer or one of the new digital TV screens, the public will be given direct access to government depart-ments and their agencies.

Instead of filling in a form, signing it and posting it off to the relevant government department, people will have the option of in-putting the necessary data on screen, adding their personal electronic signature and then submitting their application at the press of a button.

The project is being backed by the billionaire chairman of Microsoft, Bill Gates, NatWest Bank and EDS UK Ltd. Mr Gates is helping the Government with its scheme to link Britain's schools to the

But a report out today from Demos, an independent thinktank, urges ministers to go further. The report, by Lord Freeman, the former Tory Cabinet Minister, says that ministers should scrap their red boxes and use laptop computers in their cars and electronic pocket diaries capable of receiving e-mail mes-

sages throughout the day. MPs should no longer be compelled to file through the division lobbies. Instead, they should be able to vote at remote terminals throughout Westminster using swipe ards. Computer technology could also transform election day, producing an almost instant result if people were allowed to vote electronically, the report says.

□ Democracy in the digital age. By Lord Freeman. Available from Demos, 9 Bridewell Place, London EC4V 6AP. Price E5.55

Adams will tell **Prime Minister** to end British sovereignty

By Martin Fletcher, Chief Ireland Correspondent

visit to Downing Street this Thursday to demand Britain's withdrawal from Northern Ireland. "For the first time since 1921 a British Prime Minister is going to hear Irish republicans politely but very firmly tell him that it's time to go," said the first Irish republican leader to be invited to Number 10 since Michael Collins signed the treaty that

led to partition.
It was time for Britain to end its constitutional claim to a part of our country . . . time to heal the division fuelled by Britain's presence," the Sinn Fein president told republican supporters in County Cork. "Let me assure you that when we meet Tony Blair in London : this week at the top of our agenda is a free, independent Ireland."

There is no chance of Mr Blair ceding to Mr Adams's demand, and he intends to emphasise that republicans must adhere to "exclusively peaceful and democratic means" of pursuing their goal. But Unionists and Conservatives again called on the Prime Minister to cancel a meeting they have labelled a propagan-

da cous fer Sinn Rein. David Trimbie, the Ulster Unionist Party leader, said Mr Blair's Own Security advisers had told him the IRA would probably revert to violence in the new year. He accused Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, of "handing out concession after concession to Sinn Fein and cautioned that his own party's withdrawal from the talks was "not an impossibility".

Mr Trimble also dismissed out of hand a call by Martin McGuinness, the other Sinn Fein MP, for their two parties to hold face-to-face talks before Christmas. He said Sinn Fein had yet to put forward any serious policy proposals and was not living in the real world.

Andrew Hunter, vice-chair-

man of the Conservatives' backbench Northern Ireland committee and another strong critic of the Downing Street meeting, heralded the break-down of the traditionally bipartisan approach to Northern Ireland when he addressed the weekend conference of Robert McCartney's

UK Unionist Party.
The Labour Government has adopted policies which we rejected in government. It is also adopting new policies which the Conservatives believe are profoundly mistaken," he said.

☐ The Loyalist Volunteer Force, a paramilitary group opposed to the ceasefire, was widely blamed yesterday for the shooting of Gerry Devlin, 36, a Romari Catholic man with two children, outside a Gaelic sports club near Belfast. Ronnie Flanagan, the RUC Chief Constable, said the murder was sectarian. Mr Devlin was shot four times in the head in the club's car park shortly after 11pm on Friday night. The LVF, a small and ruthless splinter group, killed another Gaelic sports official earlier this year and is believed to have recently recruited high-ranking defectors

from the pro-ceasefire Ulster



Adams: Downing Street meeting this week

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Middle class benefits tax

Continued from page I plan could help combat housing benefit fraud now estimated at 62 billion a year. The housing benefit bill has risen from E2.12 billion in 1982 to E11.52 billion in 1996 and 4

million people now claim help. Other proposals include means testing or taxing the six benefits to help the sick and disabled. Taxing all the benefits would raise El billion a year, although some officials favour means testing. Only one of the benefits, disablity working allowance is now means tested but this repre-

sents a tiny proportion of the £23 billion disability bill. Incapacity benefit which

cost over £7 billion is taxed at the higher rate after a certain period but the other payments many of which go to wealthy claimants are not taxed.

Treasury ministers are also looking at the option of insurance based schemes. The front runner is to replace the £600 million Industrial Injuries Compensation Scheme with an insurance plan paid by employers. The proposals have not yet been approved by the Prime Minister.

☐ Benefits at issue Cost: E6.8bn. How many recipients: 7m get £11 a week for eldest child. a week for eldest child.
Why change: goes to too many people who don't need it.

Housing benefit Cost £11.52bn.
How many claim: 4.7m, who receive from 50p to £75 a week.
Why change: leads to high rents and benefit fraud.

Cost: £32bn. How many

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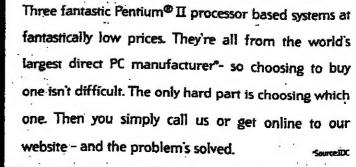
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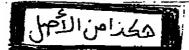
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The BBC's hottest property has spawned 97 lines, but the ultimate toy will not be on sale this year

Well done. You've finally tracked down a Dipsy. But does it talk?

BY CAROL MIDGLEY AND RAYMOND SNODDY

queued through the night and Teletubbie toy, there is a new

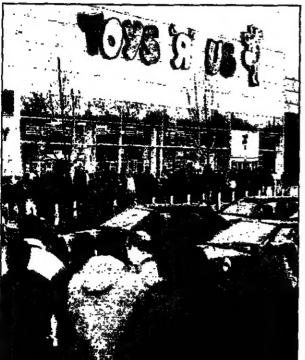
nightmare. Hot on the heels of the 97 lines of Christmas Tellytubbie merchandise flooding the shops, from wellington boots to giant tiddlywinks, comes the ultimate product - the

Manufacturers will unveil the latest Teletubbie offering next month in a move that is likely to anger those who have spent millions in the Christ-

not been made available before Christmas, are predicted to be an instant hit.

acters will say "eh-oh", "cus-tard" and "haro" when their siomachs are pressed. The manufacturers will almost certainly be criticised for staggering the release of increasingly sophisticated products

The Teletubbies' pop song Say Eh-Oh is the favourite to top the Christmas charts. BBC Worldwide, the commercial arm of the BBC, will



Queues at Brent Cross, London, yesterday

Teletubbie dolls, which have reportedly make £5 million in one year from Teletubble sales. Since the first pro-The television-derived char-

March 31, the Teletubbies are close to becoming the biggest property the BBC has ever had, ahead of Delia Smith, Michael Palin and even Wallace and Gromit, the most successful so far. But the BBC has missed out

> on a large chunk of potential Teletubbie revenue. Although most of the world, Anne Wood, creator of the Teletubbies, has ensured that Ragdoll, her production company, has kept the merchanwhere the market is lion. The first 40 episodes have already been sold to PBS (Public Broadcast Service) in America. Ms Wood originally invested £500,000 of her own money in her creation. She insists she has reinvested

Under current terms any manufacturer using the Teletubbie name pays 10 per cent of the wholesale price for the lease. Of that sum Ragdoll gets 60 per cent and the BBC 40 per cent.

The programme is currently running in Portugal, South Africa, New Zealand, Holland, Singapore, Denmark and Israel. Last week Teletubbies conquered Japan, winning the Grand Prix award devoted to encouraging "the global progress of educational broadcasting and the promotion of goodwill throughout the world."

Merchandise ranges from ders. St Ivel is still in negotiations with the BBC to produce

set out to be an embezzler, nor

to seek personal fortune at the

"I was foolish, arrogant and

ambitious and sadly have learnt much from this bitter

pain and recriminations of Christian colleagues and the loss of my own spiritual

reputation amongst you all." Bunce knelt at the feet of the

Bishop of Brechin, the Rt Rev Neville Chamberlain who

placed his hand on his former

colleague's head and proclaim-

ed the Episcopal Church's

liturgy of confession and repentance, which was repeated

by the congregation. Bunce

returned to his seat and knelt

in his pew, beside his wife. He

He has not been defrocked

but has resigned his licence to

later took Communion.

expense of others.



Mission accomplished: Saturday morning at Toys'R'Us in Brent Cross, and supplies of Teletubbies get through to relieved shoppers

chilled desserts. Golden Bear, the toymaker that has the contract to make much sought-after Teletubbie soft toys (priced between £10.99 and £13.99), stopped taking orders for them on August 31. One million have gone out but the company estimates it could have sold at least three times that amount. John Hales, chairman of the family-owned company that gave children Mr Men, Postman Pat and Forever Friends toys, says he is also working on Teletubbie hug-me backpacks and a full Homehill playset complete with Noo-Noos the friendly vacuum cleaner from

elecubbieland. The company is now working on the prototype for Talking Teletubbies, which will be unveiled at the British-Tubby Custard and a range of ... Toy and Hobby Fair at Olym-

pia in London in January. A spokeswoman said: "They are simply gorgeous. They are slightly bigger than the soft toys we have been making for Christmas. We are using the voices of the actual television actors so children will love them." She added it was not yet known how much they would cost or when they

Richard Perks, of the retail analysts Verdict, said that, like all merchandise, Teletubbies had a life cycle and the manufacturers were taking care to clongate it as much as possible. "Parents might be ressed about this, but it is the market," he said. "Investors will want a return on their investment. In . five. years' time no one will want Telefubbies so they have to be

cycle. If it is being unveiled at the toy fair in January that will put it in the chain for next

Christmas toy shortages

are nothing new. In the 1930s there was a stampede for yoyos. In 1958, 20 million hulahoops were sold. Spirograph was launched in 1965, starting a craze for the pattern-making toy that manufacturers could not meet. Parents were fighting over Star Wars figures, first produced in 1978, for Christmas presents. In 1984 the hot property was Cabbage Patch Dolls, in 1990 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles dolls swept the nursery classes. More recently Tracy Island models from the Thunderbirds film were the craze. Last year Buzz Lightyear dolls sold

WHAT DO I HEAR FOR A LAA-LAA?

Teletubbie in time for Christmas is such that a touts market has emerged. Loot. the free-advertisements paper, carries regular ads willing to sell them at hugely nted £1,000 for the full set of Tinky Winky, Laa-Laa, Dipsy and Po, received nishtmare need not end with ooly, baby gym, CD waller

Disgraced clergyman asks for forgiveness

two goals led me into irres-ponsible actions. I have never

THE Scottish clergyman found guilty of embezzlement yesterday apologised to his former congregation for the embarrassment and hurt he had caused them.

At a service in St Andrew's Episcopel Church, Brechin, Angus, the Very Rev Michael Bunce, the former rector, asked the parishioners' forgiveness for five years of nmitigated hell. In July, Bunce, who denies the offence, was found guilty of embezzi-ing £44,000 from the St Andrew's Businessmen's Association, which he had set up to help the local unemployed. He was fined £60,000 by Forfar Sheriff Court. He had spent the money on hotels, a car,

and ponies for his children. While some parishioners said he deserved forgiveness, many in the congregation

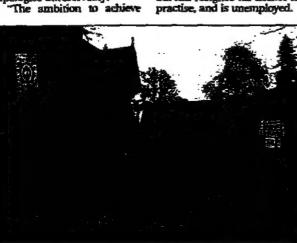
stayed away. Bunce rose during the conlession and repentance section of the liturgy to address the congregation of 30, and began by asking for their prayers. He said he was seeking God's forgiveness for the "deep hurt and considerable embarrass-ment" he had unwittingly caused this congregation and

Rarely looking up from his text, he said he had come to Brechin with two aims, to build up the congregation and place the church on a sound spiritual and financial footing" which would enable it to bring "hope and dignity" to the unemployed in the town. With your support and the generosity of the Brechin community, I dare to suggest that both these aims were achieved. "However, I have to confess

that the runaway success of the second goal, by my own arrogance, ambition and failure to demand proper supervision and direction from my spiritual superiors, led me to immerse myself too deeply in the commercial, worldly business of St Andrew's Business-

men's 'Association Ltd.
"With hindsight, I now realise that all this was beyond my remit and led to dangerous incursions into my spiritual position amongst you and your subsequent pain." Dr Bunce said help and supervision had been available but he had not requested it. "Many of you have been hurt terribly and I have lost my home and minis-try. For all this I wish to

apologise unreservedly.



The Very Rev Michael Bunce leaves church yesterday

Police use CS gas at football ground

FOOTBALL supporters groups were concerned yester-day at what is believed to be the first police use of CS spray at a British soccer ground.

Trouble broke out among visiting supporters at the end of Saturday's drawn FA Cup match between Scunthorpe and Ilkeston. An officer was being kicked on the ground and CS was the best option. Humberside police said.

The incident came days after the National Federation of Football Supporters' Clubs held a meeting with the Asso-ciation of Chief Police Officers and asked for policemen to be disarmed of CS spray before going into football grounds. Monica Hartland, the Federation's deputy chairman, said: This sounds like it might have been a wholly exceptional case and we do understand that the police need protection. However, we are concerned that CS spray is being used in

Inspector Steve Love said that a group of about 60 Ilkeston fans abused officers who tried to prevent a pitch invasion. They then tried to pull the officers into the stand: The officers quite rightly tried to arrest the ringleaders. One officer, a 24-year-old male constable, was knocked to the ground and repeatedly kicked. The officers' colleagues went to his aid and out of necessity used CS spray in an effort to offenders." (PA News)

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Pop stars mark death of Princess

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

A HUNDRED days after the death of Diana. Princess of Wales, pop stars gathered at Battersea power station to mark the anniversary with a fund-raising concert. Boyzone, All Saints, Peter Andre and former Take That members Gary Larlow and Robbie Williams were among those performing and joining together for a finale rendition of Let it Be before an audience of 6,000 at the Diana Memorial Concert of Hope last night.

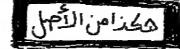
The concert was not attended by any members of the Royal Family but was supported by the Palace. It followed news that the Diana, Princess of Wales tribute album, released last week, has already become the fastest-selling compilation record ever.

But while the concert, for which fans paid £25 a ticket, and the CD are set to raise £100 million for the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund, the weeks before Christmas are likely to be marred by legal battles and accusations of exploitation over her death.

Later this week lawyers for the semorial fund will seek leave at the High Court to begin legal proceedings

against Mirror Group Newspapers, which wants to make a television film about the Princess, concentrating on her relationship with Dodi Fayed.

Fund directors, already horrified that the roles of the Princess and Mr Fayed have been cast, were further dismayed by news that the £1.5 million production is seeking an actress to play Kelly Pisher, the model who claimed to be engaged to Dodi at the time of his courtship with the Princess. They are hoping to be awarded an injunction against MGM on the basis that the company did not seek permis-sion from the fund.



Police crackdown forces farmers to drop blockade

FARMERS protesting at cheap beef imports and falling incomes ran into stiffer police resistance yesterday and abandoned a planned blockade of Britain's busiest port.

Dover police arrested five farmers for obstructing the highway and impounded their vehicles. About 20 tractors and cattle trailers turned round a mile from the entrance to the Eastern Docks after the drivers were warned that they too would be arrested if the tried to proceed. One tractor and a cattle lorry got as far the the port entrance but found their way blocked by a police van.

Hugh Richards, a farmer from Biddenden, in Kent. who organised the Dover protest, said: "We had no choice but to call the blockade off and we will not be trying it again. The police used very heavy-handed tactics and said they would arrest us just for threatening an obstruction."

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The police defended their tactics, saying that they were no different from those used in the past to deal with animal rights activists trying to stop livestock. lorries boarding cross-Channel ferries.

"We are not prepared to negotiate with people over the extent to which they can break the law", a police spokesman said. "We have told farmers that if they break the law, they will be arrested, charged and put before the courts."

A protest at

Dover was ended by

new tactics,

writes Michael

Hornsby

Police in Wales and Scotland have allowed farmers to inspect the cargoes of arriving lorries, and browbeat drivers carrying Irish beef into turning back. At Holyhead, on Anglesey, one driver agreed to turn round at the weekend after picketing farmers discovered that he had concealed Irish beef beneath a load of mushrooms.

North Wales police said that they were studying video film of the incident a week ago, in which farmers threw a cargo of Irish beef burgers into the sea. Officers said they would start legal proceedings against those responsible if there was emough evidence.

support for the farmers came yesterday from John Redwood, the Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary. He said on GMTV's Sunday programme: "The conservative Party does not condone any illegal action. But we quite

sympathise with the strong stance the farmers are taking because they have been pushed beyond the limits by a Government which has failed to negotiate anything for them, a Government which has given away so much to the European government already without asking for anything in return.

thing in return."

Sir David Naish, the president of the National Farmers'
Union, last night appealed to his members not to alienate public opinion by blocking roads: "The dispute is between ourselves and the Government, and not with farmers abroad", he said.

He will make further contact today with Jack Cunningham, the Agriculture Minister, but said: "I am only interested in a meeting if there is something to discuss. There is no point in going to listen to platitudes. I just hope the minister realises how enormously serious the situation is, and how desperately worried farmers are about their

Irish farmers yesterday demanded that the British Government and police take tougher action against port protests. Hundreds of farmers from Scotland and northern England picketed Stranraer, the main ferry port in Scotland for traffic from Ireland, saying they planned to stay until until this morning.



Farmer supporters cheer an announcement that no agricultural lorries will arrive from abroad at Millbay Docks. Plymouth, on Friday night

How the sense of grievance has grown

By Our Agriculture Correspondent

BEEF farmers are angry because they feel they have had a raw deal from the Government when compared with other sectors of the agricultural economy, particularly dairy farming.

Welsh farmers' sense of grievance is even sharper because returns from lamb production, their biggest earner, have also dipped sharply, leaving them more exposed to the fall in beef prices triggered by the disclosure last year that "mad cow" disease had probably infected human beings.

There are 70,200 beef farms in

Britain, mostly concentrated in Scotland, Wales and north-west and southwest England. Most are relatively small operators, 60 per cent having fewer than 20 cows. Only 14 per cent have herds with more than 50.

In 1995-96, the latest year for which there are figures, the Ministry of Agriculture estimated that the average net income of cattle and sheep farms in hill areas to be £18,200 in England, £18,400 in Wales and £12,800 in Scotland. Incomes on dairy farms were markedly higher, £36,200 in England, £35,300 in Wales and £33,700 in Scotland. In the year since

these figures were compiled, all farm incomes are estimated to have fallen by up to 47 per cent.

"Our latest calculation is that 60 per cent of farms in upland regions of Wales, which is where 80 per cent of our farmers are found and where beef and sheep farming are the main options, now have an average net income of £10.000 or less". Alan Morris, a spokesman for the Farmers' Union of Wales, said.

Dr Cunningham has made matters worse, farmers say, by reducing the rate of compensation paid to farmers for cattle over the age of 30 months,

which have to be culled and destroyed to keep animals that might develop BSE out of the food chain. Compensation has gradually been reduced from about £400 to £500 an animal, depending on weight in May of last year, to a current maximum of £311, with no distinction between elderly dairy cows and much heavier and more valuable cows from beef herds.

Underlying farmers' problems is the strong pound, which has a bigger impact on agriculture than most other sectors of the economy, and which has eroded the sterling value of EU farm subsidies.

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Prescott seeks solution • to wrangle over climate

FROM NICK NUITALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT, IN KYOTO

JOHN PRESCOTT swept into the climate change conference yesterday promising to broker a deal that will save the planet from global warming.

Speaking in Kyoto as thousands of bells were rung across the ancient city in prayer for world leaders and a procession was led from the Kawaramachi Catholic cathedral to the Yasaka shrine, the deputy prime minister said the outline of a deal was emerging despite deep divisions between

Over the weekend negotiators proposed that America and Japan could be allowed to pollute more than the European Union under a scheme known as differentiation. But Mr Prescott said it was out of the question that Europe should be forced to take on more responsibility for halting climate change than other big industrial blocks. "We will not do anything to damage the competitiveness of our industry," he said. But Mr Prescott said it was

salso vital to get an agreement sening legally binding targets for curbing carbon pollution: "We have a responsibility. We hold this world in our hands in trust for our children. I am pushing for victory and refuse to contemplate failure." The conference, which now

hands the final days over to

politicians from officials for some solution before the Wednesay deadline, has been stack on several crucial points.
America, whose vice president Al Gore flies in today, has refused to budge from their proposals of merely stabilising gases at 1990 levels by 2010. It claims that acting more drastically now will wreck its economy.

The European Union has been equally fixed on its ambitious target for the industrialised world of 15 per cent cuts. Meanwhile poorer countries are refusing to offer to back voluntary reduction targets until rich nations agree a deal.

Options which allow flexibility include sinks, where countries with large areas of forests that absorb carbon dioxide, are allowed to count these against emissions from transport, industry and homes. Another could mean rich countries like Britain and America signing a contract with a developing country to instal, say, clean burn power stations or the planting of near forests.

These schemes would count as carbon credits helping the rich country offset its own domestic emissions at a fraction of the cost of doing the same scheme at home. Countries may also be able to count population growth and their economic output or GDP against their emission target.



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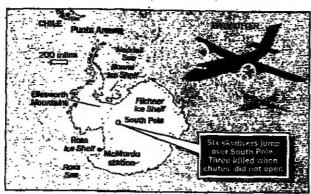
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BY DANIEL MCGRORY

COR the six-strong band of accomplished and experienced skydivers, the South Pole represented one of the greatest thallenges. The lure to skydive over the icecaps of the great south was irresistible, knowing that only a handful of men had ever dared parachute on to this cruel and beautiful landerers.

All six had jumped over the North Pole, and to succeed at the opposite end of the Earth sould have accorded them the ight to call themselves part of a clite band of adventurers. Antarctica's remoteness means it remains too expensive and too difficult for most contemplate making a timp. For eight months they exicultously planned this admitted they each had to pay for a 90-second jump as money well

Mike McDowell of Adventure Network International, who organised their adventure, said last night: "There is to landscape like it — that vast



experts, about the same as

winning the lottery twice in a

At the Pole the air is thinner

and colder so the divers fall

marginally faster, but they

had calculated the time for

their jump. One theory is that they suffered a "white-out". As

the entire terrain is flat ice, they could have misjudged

how close they were to earth.

could see would have been white and we will be looking

"Everything as far as the eye

expanse of pure white terrain and knowing maybe only seven men have ever jumped over this Pole

"These were not foolish adventurers, but among the very best in their field who wanted to be among a unique breed to jump at both North and South Poles."

As the investigation began last night into how three parachutes failed to open, the experts were asking whether the unusual conditions contributed to the tragedy. The odds of equipment failure of

a factor," Mr McDowell said.
"It is not known if they were wearing altimeters but they would have known the time of descent.
"The temperature was

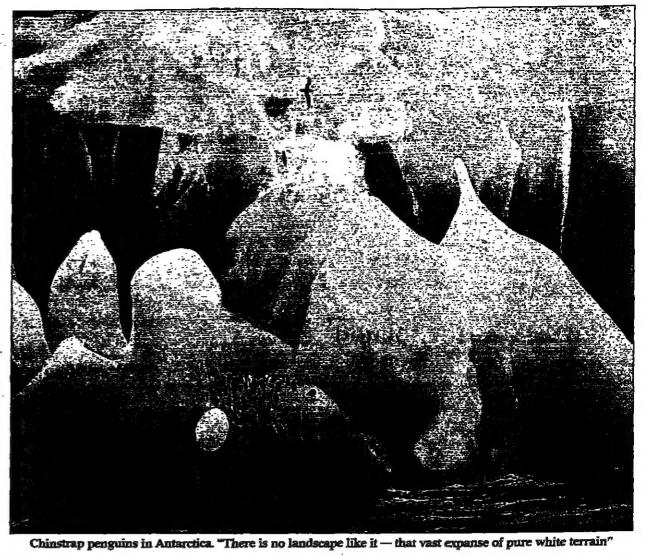
"The temperature was about minus 25C, which is good for this time of the year, and they were well equipped for the cold."

A Hercules aircraft was on

A Hercules aircraft was on its way last night to recover the bodies of the three dead, their equipment and to fly home the survivors whose testimony will be trucial to solving this mystery.

The group had picked their date carefully. The season to visit the South Pole — to mountaineer, ski or just watch the penguins as scores do in increasing numbers each year — runs from October to January. December is favourable if seeking as little wind as possible, which is crucial for a sky

Mr McDowell said: "In 1992 we successfully took a Norwegian to jump over the South Pole. Apart from him, only American military pairs have done it in 1956, 1969 and 1972."



Human error causes 90% of accidents

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

HUMAN error is the likeliest cause of the skydiving deaths in Antarctica. More than 90 per cent of the deaths recorded in a global survey on parachuting in 1991 were the result of human error.

The commonest error is

SThe commonest error is failing to pull the cord to open the parachute or pulling it too late — the "low/no pull" accident. It is the only category of accident to which experienced skydivers are more prone than beginners.

The survey showed that fatalities among parachutists were rare. Of nearly 5 million jumps in 1991, by 250,000 parachutists, there were only 74 fatalities - a rate of one per 65.000 jumps. Three quarters of those who died would have been saved by an automatic activation device (AAD) that parachute. Experienced skydivers dislike AADs because they reduce the human elenent in the sport and because They fear that the activation of the device could cause an accident to a nearby skydiver. In Russia, which has the longest tradition of sport parachuting, dating from the 1920s, AADs are compulsory.

diving company in Arizona. says that the fatality rate there is a tiny fration of that in the US. "As about two thirds to three quarters of all fatalities are low/no pulls, this makes sense," he says. Experienced skydivers. in his view, are more likely to pull the cord too late because they have become over-confident. The for yesterday's accident is that the skydivers were less able to perceive their height because of snow below. They had altimeters, but may have ignored them.

A skydiver assesses altitude by working out how much of the picture he sees is occupied by sky, and how much by ground. As the ground becomes an ever-greater part of the picture, he knows from experience when to pull. But if the ground merges with the horizon, this method may fail, and the sky-divers may never have realised how close to the ground they were. "I've talked to a lot of people with low pulls," Mr Burke wrote in an Internet page on skydiving, "and most didn't have a clue they were down to two or three seconds of life expectancy when they finally got a





The Times Christmas Appeal: help a wildlife rescue charity and research into a deadly disease

Each year. The Times nominates two charities for its Christmas Appeal, commending them to readers as worthy recipients of their generosity This year, a foundation that seeks a better deal for animals kept in captivity, and an appeal for an instrument to speed research on a neglected form of cancer are the chosen charities. The Born

book, and founded by Bill Travers and Virginia McKenna. who played the Adamsons in the 1964 film, campaigns for animals both in captivity and in the wild. Money given by readers will go into a project to rescue and protect animals in many parts of the world. The Everyman appeal of the Institute of Cancer Research aims

disease — prostate cancer — which has received far less attention, and far less money, than other amon cancers. The latest understanding of the genetic eauses of cancer is opening new windows for screening and treatment. With the help of readers, research at the institute could be accelerated, bringing closer hopes of better

Team needs £40,000 to fight prostate cancer

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By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

Prostate cancer is the cin-

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receives just El million. Yet

one man in ten is diagnosed

the numbers are expected to

The prostate gland is a

rise to one in four.

THE search for better understanding of a neglected cancer that kills 11,000 men every year is one of the two subjects of this year's Times Christmas Charity Appeal.

The Institute of Cancer Research's Everyman appeal needs £40,000 to buy a machine to speed the search for the genes responsible for prostate cancer. Based in Sutton, Surrey, the institute is already responsible for the discovery of an important breast cancer gene BRCA2.

Ros Eeles and David Dearnaley have launched a nationwide search for prostate cancer genes, with the collaboration of more than 100 specialists at hospitals throughout Britain. They will be looking for families where prostate cancer strikes early. has affected more than three members of the same family, or has affected two close relations, such as brothers.

The project will also examine large numbers of men with with the disease, and by 2018 prostate cancer but with no known family history of the disease. In such cases, she explains: "The gene responsichestnut-shaped organ lying below the bladder in men, and ble could be common, widely

found in the population, but is responsible for forming part of the seminal fluid. At puberone which carries only a moderately increased risk. To find ty, under the effect of androsuch 'low-penetrance' genes we need a large sample." gen hormones, it grows, but stops at about the age of 20. That, in turn, means a Further growth often occurs after the age of 50. Prostate cancer, often considered a machine that can examine DNA samples quickly. Dr Eeles's team at present uses a disease of older men, somegene sequencer that can analyse only one sample at a time.

"We need a faster throughput if this project is to get results," she says. The ABI 377 gene Dr Eeles is looking for two kinds of gene. High-risk genes comparable to BRCA2 sharply sequencer can handle 36 samincrease the risk of contracting s at a time, transforming the chances of success. the disease, and are likely to It costs £87,000, and the show up from the studies of institute's appeal hopes that families with a history of prostate cancer. Low-risk Times readers can provide nearly half. The rest will be genes are likely to be much paid from other sources.

more common among the general population. derella of cancers. While If the genes are found, there £16 million is spent on reshould be a chance of screensearch into breast cancer in ing to detect those at high risk.

If we spot the signs of Britain, and £40 million into prostate cancer very early, only a fifth or so will progress to the full disease. If we could find the genes responsible, it would help enormously," Dr

times develops much earlier.

especially in men genetically

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Dr Eeles: needs special machine in search for genes which cause prostate cancer

Born Free group helps animals suffering in captivity BY PHILLP DELVES BROUGHTON

IN many 200s around the world. animals are treated more like freak shows than living creatures. The educational and scientific benefits of the good zoos are constantly undermined by the neglectful, apathetic treatment handed out by the bad

The Born Free Foundation is dedicated to improving conditions for artimals in captivity. It lobbies against the multimillion pound ivory trade. And is recently transported woolly monkeys from the Amazon to

a Cornish sanctuary. The trend in keeping them as pets had threatened their extinction.

In 1994 the foundaion found two lions, Raffi and Anthea, dirty and malnourished. in a cage in a cooftop bar in Tenerife. They were rescued and taken to a sanctuary in Kent and, earlier this year, were transported to the Shamwari game reserve near Port Elizabeth in South Africa.

Tomorrow the foundation is opening a Wildlife Education Centre at Pole. It was largely thanks to Zoo Shamwari, at which Raffi and Check that the poor quality of life for Anthea, now healthy and resulting many zoo animals was brought to in their natural habitat, will be the light. Its work gradually expanded Tomorrow the foundation is open-

special place in the history of the Born Free Foundation. The charity. was founded by Bill Travers and Virginia McKenna who played George and Joy Adamson in the 1964 film, Born Free. Travers moved from acting to become a maker of wildlife documentaries.

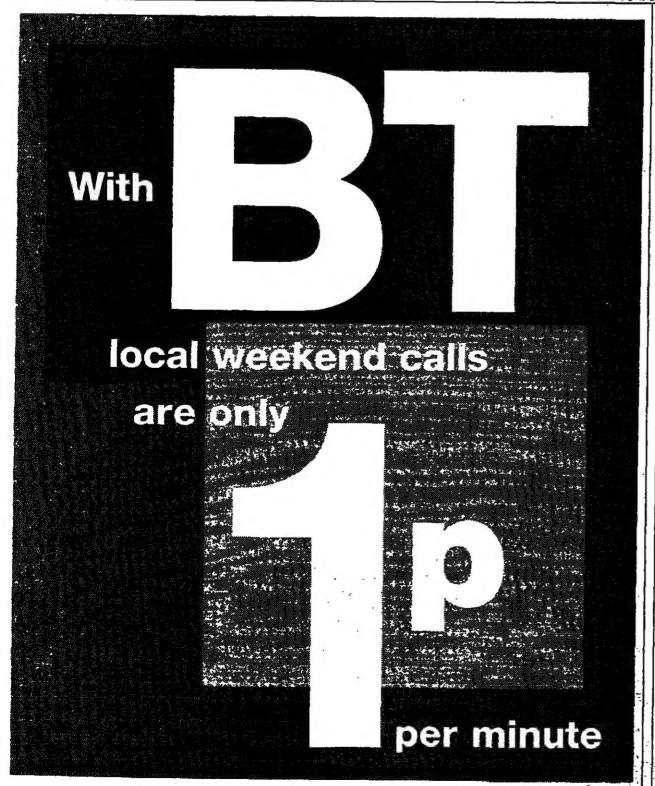
In 1984, the couple launched Zoo Check after the death of London

tion. It is now run by Will Travers, the son of the founders, who said its operations now extend from China and Japan to America, Romania and Egypt. This year, it has persuaded the Cairo 200 to move a polar bear suffering from a skin condition to more temperate Alexandria where

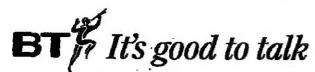
its skin instantly improved. Since 1986, Zoo Check and the foundation have helped lions, tigers, a leopard, dolphins, elephants and primates. On the Isle of Skye it helps to finance a wildlife rescue centre run by the International Otter Sur-

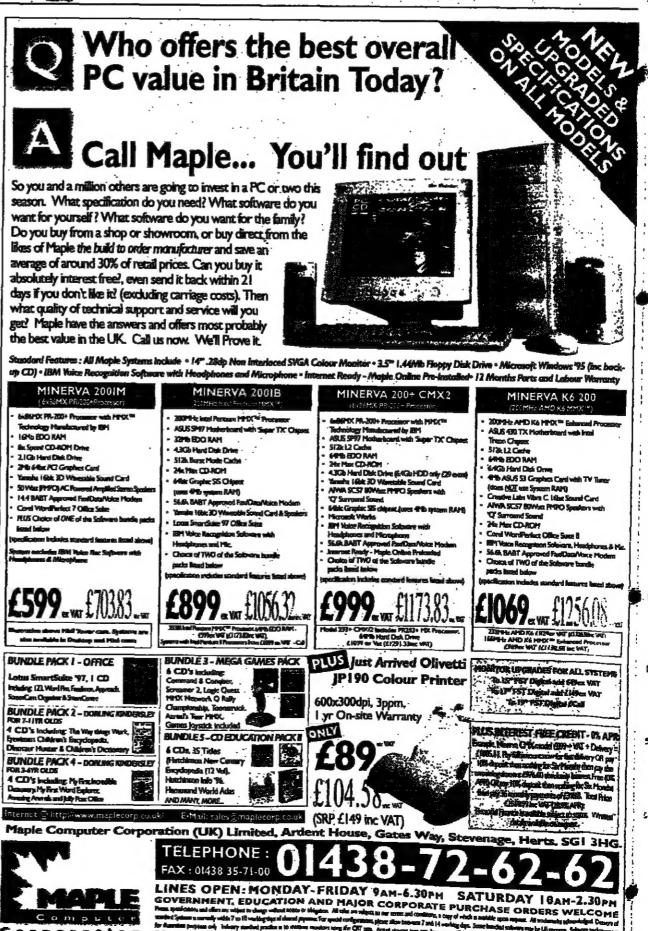
vival Fund. "In human society," Mr Travers says, "we value highly the importance of the individual. We should extend that value system to individual animals, to the solitary lion in the tiny case, to the single elephant that makes up part of Africa's threatened herds."

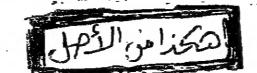
Money from this appeal will go to The Times/Born Free Animal Rescue and Protection Project to help. among other projects, to find £30,000 for air minual ambulance in the Scottish Highlands, £80,000 for an elephant conservation project in

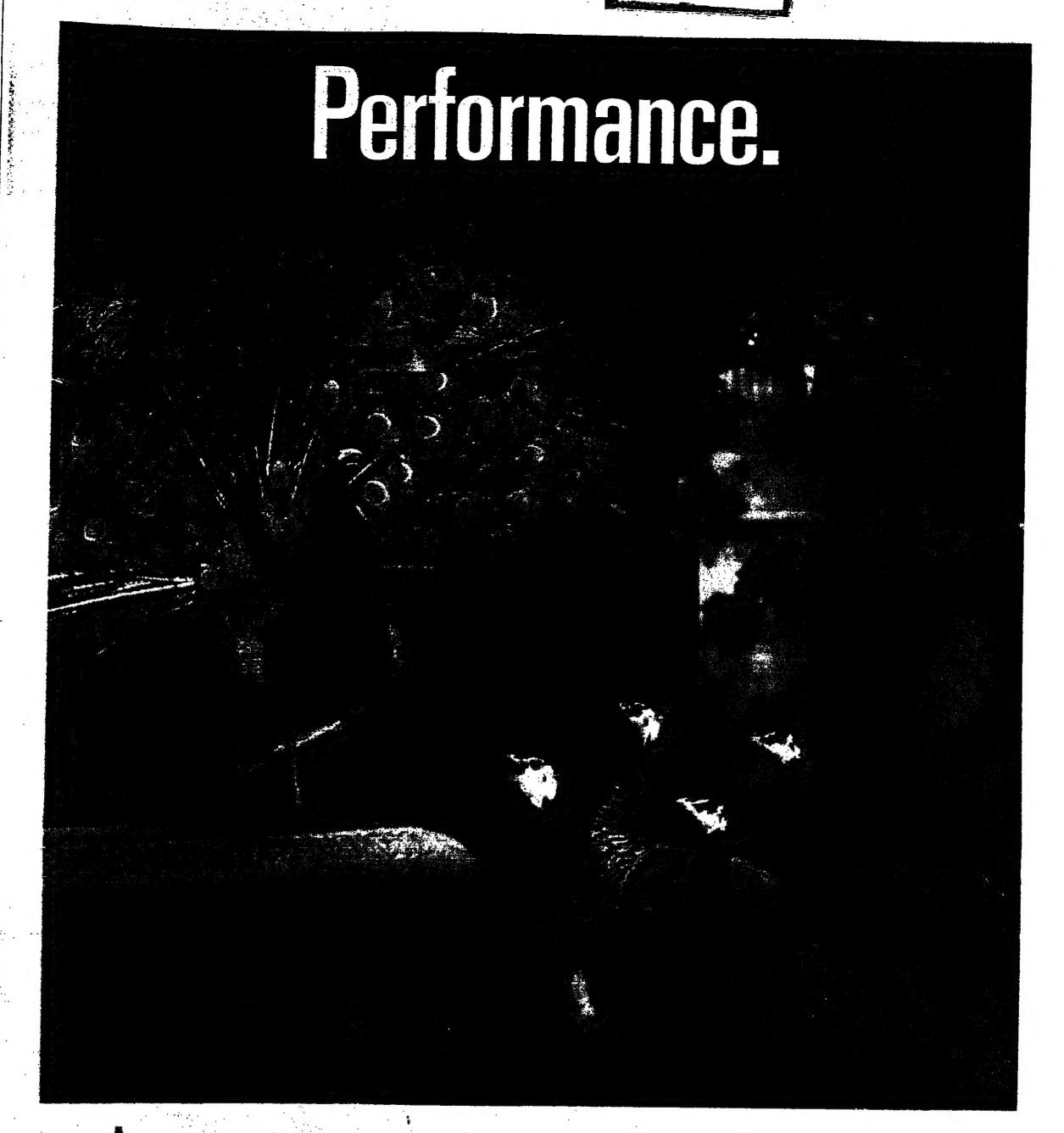


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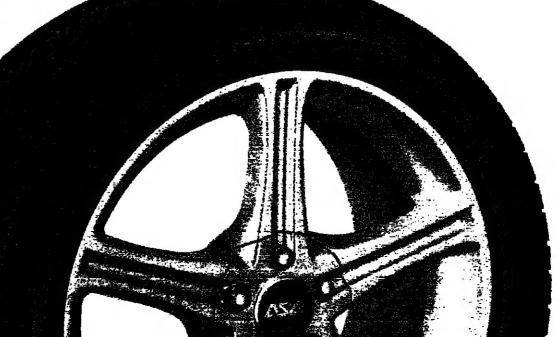
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have been infected in CJD case

SURGICAL instruments used to remove the eyes of a woman suffering from Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease could have infected more transplant recipients, the Government confirmed yesterday.

The move follows claims in The Sunday Mail in Scotland that at least six patients may have been infected by instruments used on Marion Hamilton. 53 whose infection with CID was not known until after her death from

A Scottish Office spokesman said: "The risk of transmission is lower than that from transplantation of eye rissue. However, we have taken expert advice on the level of risk, and the consultants concerned are being contacted. Unless a patient hears from a consultant, there is no need for

any individual to worry." Health guidelines recommend the destruction of instruments after contact with CJD sufferers. The spokesman said the instruments had been destroyed.

An inquiry has been launched to investigate how eye tissue from Mrs Hamilton came to be transplanted into three other people. It will be led by Sir William Stewart a chief scientific adviser to the Cabinet Office from 1990 to 1995. (PA News)

Health chief tries to ease fears after man dies of chicken flu By Nigel Hannes science edition HEALTH officials in Hong Kong are trying to ease fears that a strain of the actions are triin of the actions are to which they were that a strain of the actions are triin of the actions are to which they were that a strain of the actions are to which they were that a strain of the actions are to which they were

Kong are trying to ease fears that a strain of flu previously found only in birds could spread to human beings worldwide. A man aged 54 recently became the second person to die of the infection, and a 13-year-old girl is in

Flu is notorious for mutating into new strains, which makes vaccination only partly effective. However, the Hong Kong health department dep-uty director Paul Saw, who is chairing a committee investigating the outbreak, said there was no need for panic.

There is no evidence that the disease is widespread and we hope that it isn't." he said. Experts from the US Centres for Disease Control in Atlanta and from the World Health Organisation have been asked to help in producing a vaccine against the strain, known as

"We are hurrying to make the vaccine because there is a potential for the virus to spread worldwide." Dr Saw said. "The WHO has been asked to alert vaccine production centres in the world with a view to preparing vaccines."

The first case of the new strain appeared in May, when ir killed a three-year-old boy in Hong Kong. At the time there was no evidence of spread. and experts hoped that this would prove to be a single isolated case. A boy aged 2 was taken to hospital with a fever



A Hong Kong poultry vendor at work: the strain killed 4,500 chickens. Two infected boys lived near a chicken market

last month, but recovered. Initial findings did not show that the four cases shared a common source, nor was the virus transmitted by any one of the victims to the others, Dr Saw said. Specimens from the two latest patients have been sent to the American centre in Atlanta.

Investigators have taken their search for the source of

the virus to China and have been checking poultry farms across Hong Kong. Among domestic poultry, the strain can cause lethal fowl plague.

About 4.500 chickens are known to have died from H5NI at three farms in Hong Kong in April. The two boys first infected with the strain lived near a chicken market. The one who died used to play

in an area where poultry was

Ken Shortridge, a microbiologist working with investi-gators, said that farmers in areas of southern China bordering Hong Kong had been found to carry antibodies for the strain while not displaying symptoms. This perhaps indicated longstanding infections to which they had developed resistance. In October a team of specialists warned that the strain must be closely

They said: "We feel that the identification of the H5NI influenza A virus and its presently unknown pandemic potential should be the basis of an intensive monitoring by the international WHO influenzasurveillance network."

more likely to develop izukaemia than those whose fathers are in any other occupation. according to research published today. The reason is because of teachers' exposure to infections at school.

The study also shows an increased risk for children whose fathers work in sales. transport, construction, and

The findings, by Leo Kinlen. from the Cancer Research Campaign epidemiology unit at Oxford, are based on five earlier studies made in rural areas linking a high rate of childhood leukaemias to the make-up of the population.

The new research supports the theory that an unidentified infection increases children's susceptibility to leukaemia. Or Kinlen pioneered the idea that when people from different parts of the country work in rural areas they may be exposed to new infections. The most comprehensive

survey of childhood leukae-mia, published two months ago in the British Medical Journal, also supported that theory. It showed conclusively that there was a higher inciience of leukaemia among children whose fathers work at atomic power stations but that that had nothing to do with exposure to radiation. The conclusion was that it was caused by people from all over the country coming in close contact and catching infec-

The new research, published in the British Journal of Cancer, reasons that people working with children are more exposed to infections because children are mure susceptible to infections than adults. Men working in construction and transport industries are more vulnerable because they often work away from home, where they are

exposed to different infections. For the study Dr Kinler. compared the expected number of children with leukacmia aged up to 14 with the actual number of cases found among those with fathers in different occupations. He found that those who came in contain with a lot of people through their work had a significantly greater risk of their children

leveloping cancer.
This is important because it is the first piece of evidence uals to support the theory of an underlying infection linked to childhood leukaemia," Dr Kinlen said. "It also further supports the role of adults in transmitting this infection.

Gordon McVie, director-general of the Cancer Research Campaign, said: "If we can prove an underlying infection does increase children's risk of childhood leukaemia it could open the door for the future identification of that infection and even vaccination



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Hospital reconsiders use of tags after baby's abduction BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

MANAGERS at Basildon Hospital are reviewing whether they should issue new-born babies with electronic security tags after the abduction of baby Karli.

In the past, nursing staff and doctors had preferred to rely on the vigilance of staff. But as employees continued to be questioned about the abduction on Friday, a spokesman for the hospital said that managers were considering all options.

A 33-year-old woman with three children is to appear before magistrates this morning charged with abduction. Denise Giddings, from mained in custody yesterday after being charged at 6pm on Saturday in the presence of her solicitor.

Karli and her mother. Tanya Hawthorne, 30. stayed at the hospital vesterday and are likely to be discharged on

Wednesday. Yesterday two police officers were standing guard in Willow ward and a third officer was stationed at the entrance to the unit. They will leave when the Hawthornes are discharged.

Pat Trinnaman, a spokes-woman for the hospital, said that security at the unit had worked in that nurses were immediately alerted and were probably alerted earlier than if the baby had worn a tag which would have activated only when the child passed through the door.

"But obviously we have to look at the issue of tags again, along with all other security right balance because if someone is determined then it is very hard to stop them. The only total security would be to have no visitors at all."

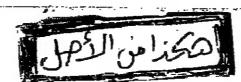
A spokeswoman for the Department of Health said that Frank Dobson, the

Health Secretary, had asked for a report on the incident but was confident that the the abduction of Abbie Humphries were sufficient However, he will take the report very seriously and see if there are any further recom mendations we can make.





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Bends return as rivers get rid of dire straights

IT WAS the heyday of tower blocks and new towns, when planners believed that they were laying the foundations of a brave new world. What few noticed during the 1950s and 1960s was that they were also turning rivers into little more than canals.

A complex landscape little changed since Constable painted The Hay Wain was being transformed as successive governments determined that Britain should never again suffer the food shortages of the Second World War. Brooks which once meandered gently through meadows, and flooded every winter, were straightened and tamed, allowing flood plains to be reclaimed for crops. Where once a river flowed was now little more than a large ditch filled with sluggish muddy water. In towns, rivers were channelled into pipes or concealed behind factories. Flora and fauna inevitably suffered. This week the bends are being

Changes made

by planners in

. past 50 years

are on way out, Simon de

Bruxelles says

put back into the River Avon at Melksham in Wiltshire, after engineers conceded that attempts to improve on nature had not worked. The Avon is the latest in a series of projects across the country attempting to undo the damage done to Britain's rivers in the past 50

At Melksham the Avon looks more like a canal than a river. It was channelled into a straitjacket of steel and concrete in the 1960s when a series of "improvements" up-

stream increased the risk of flooding. The work is being carried out by the Environment Agency with £600,000 from Sainsbury's, which earlier this year opened a supermarket on the river's former flood plain. The restoration of the half-mile stretch of river was a condition of permission

to build the store.

Three flat shelves called berms are being built in the river channel to make the river meander and to speed up the flow of water. The berms will then be edged with coir matting studded with plants such as rush, iris and sedge which all but vanished when the river was straightened. Shoals, riffles and eddy

pools will reappear and the faster-flowing water will keep the river and banks from silting up. As the vegetation re-establishes itself, fish and other wildlife will return, finding new habitats in shaded. shallow pools where there is

The Skerne was little more than an open drain until the intervention of the River Restoration Project. Meanders were put in and a park created

deep water. Ann Skinner, the Environment Agency's project manager, said: There is an economic benefit besides the environmental one. We are restoring a self-sustaining system that looks after itself without too much intervention. Once a river has been returned to a more natural

state it is amazing how quickly nature completes the restoration."

The River Restoration Project, a non-profit-making organisation formed three years ago and partly funded by the European Union, has so far completed two experiand one urban. The River Coleshill estate near Swindon, Skerne in Darlington, Durthe river course and flood ham, was little more than an plains had been altered by open drain carrying water out man many times during the past 900 years. The Cole had of town between tips of industrial waste until it was transbeen straightened to form a mill stream, and dredging 25 formed by the project. years ago removed the clay river bed and lowered the Meanders were put in and a riverside park created. At the Trust-owned

alongside the river had dried out and the river was sluggish

and unexciting. Now the original meanders have been recut and the river restored to life. The flood plains are working again and the Trust intends to re-establish fritillary meadows, only fragments of which survive.

Traffic wardens on charm offensive

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

TRAFFIC wardens are to be trained to use charm rather than aggression when dispensing parking tickets. They will also be taught how to apprehend irate motorists when the friendly approach fails.

"A prospectus for a new National Vocational Qualification sets out lessons on "interpersonal skills", and staff will be encouraged to offer advice to motorists.

The move comes as many local authorities allow private companies to take on ticketing. The training has been developed by the Security Industry Training Organisation with funding from the Government and the British Parking Association, and the first candidates will be accept-

ed in the new year. Alasdair Macmillan, of the Sissociation, said: There is a certain amount of aggression from the public which has to be dealt with professionally. It has to be toned down rather than allowed to escalate. Language and body language has

to be non-threatening."
- Edmund King, of the RAC, said that some heavy-handed "jobsworths" were more interested in dishing out tickets than educating drivers about de dangers of illegal parking. some of these privatised atdants have got a lot to learn out how to react to the moporist when there is the potenhi for confrontation." he said. The uniforms worn by many e like South American paradilitary uniforms which make be confrontation. The majorto of motorists are reasonable in the attendant can explain in a pleasant way why the ticket has been issued.

NEWS IN BRIEF

'Robocop' clears his office

ent who pioneered "zero-tolercleared his office yesterday following his suspension for alleged activity which could be construed as criminal". The man nicknamed Robocop said: "That is a monstrous siur. I cannot comment on the inquiry but I have nothing to hide. My family and I have been overwhelmed by messages of support."

Duchess's deal

The Duchess of York has reportedly signed a new one-year contract worth £1.25 million to promote the Weight Watchers diet. The New York Post said her appearances in commercials had led to a big rise in business.

Smoke warning

People were warned to stay indoors as smoke from a blazing warehouse at an industrial estate on Canvey Island, Essex, enveloped their homes. The fire was believed to have been deliberately.

Boy's moat fall

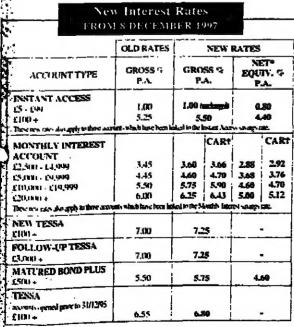
Matthew Rayner, 5, of St Leonards-on-Sea. East Sussex, fell 15ft into the moat of Bodiam Castle, where he had been visiting Father Christ-mas, after his brother pushed him through a window. Two visitors rescued him.

Cabbage squad

Students are to absell down cliffs this month at Lundy island in the Bristol Channel, to clear away rhododendrons whose spread is threatening the miniature flowering Lundy Cabbage, which is listed as an endangered vegetable.

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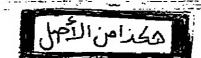
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Queen may take high-profile role in Mandelson's Europe

THE Queen is to be offered a high-profile role in Britain's presidency of the European Union, in a strategy to help to transform the Government's image in Europe. Peter Mandelson, Minister without Portfolio, has suggested that the Queen should give a lunch for representatives of all the nations

who want to become EU members. The Queen and members of the Royal Family traditionally play a role during Britain's turn at the presidency, but they do not generLabour's chief spin-doctor sets out his vision of managing Britain's EU presidency, reports Valerie Elliott

ally appear as a means to boost the Government's image. A document from Mr Mandelson, which has been approved by ministers, sets out the presentational strategy for the presidency and emphasises the need for the Government to demonstrate that it is in the European

His objectives include changing perceptions of Britain within the

EU, and of the EU within Britain. He believes that this can be achieved by "strong messages" from the Government, including use of major official events "with a flourish". As an example, he cites a lunch hosted by the Queen.

Mr Mandelson also believes that the Government can also benefit by "playing on strengths" such as the personal impact of Tony Blair. Robin Cook, Foreign Secretary, and other key ministers can also be used to show that the British are no longer the "wreckers" in Europe.

However, his strategy paper, circulated in Whitehall, recognises that there are potential weaknesses. One problem is trying to present Britain as a leader in Europe when the most ambitious European project (EMU) goes ahead

successfully without the UK". Mr Mandelson highlights the "domestic preoccupation with EU threats/interference/waste, com-pounded by selective and slamed domestic media coverage". The reform of the common agriculture policy is also identified as a

He takes up the theme of the re-

difference of interest" with some

branding of Britain with the country emerging as a "source of fresh ideas" to "re-establish the EU as a world leader, setting a new agenda for the 21st century on a global

Mr Mandelson underlines the importance of making the concept of Europe more popular at home, particularly among young people and the less-privileged. He hopes

remote, intrusive and unaccountable," and even wants to involve schools and universities to help to get the message through to pupils and their parents.

His conclusion is: "We should aim to leave the impression at home and abroad that the UK is back in the mainstream of European business and that the presidency has been undertaken with British efficiency, professionalism

Ministers told to mend their ways for EU meetings

By Valerie Elliott, whitehall editor

AN ETIQUETTE guide has been issued to ministers and officials on how to behave during the British presidency of the European Union.

The "do's and don'ts" are intended to help the Government to avoid pitfalls during the six months of its presidency, which begins in January. and also to ensure that it gets

The Whitehall advice includes suggestions on how to deal with difficult MEPs who might try to embarrass the Government, and also suggests lunch or dinner with key fixers in the European Parlia-

There are plenty of practical tips such as not to make any asides in meetings until the red light warning that the microphone is switched on goes out. Ministers are also advised not to talk too quickly and to avoid clever and sophisticated use of English. Puns and "shaggy dog stories" are also out because most are untranslatable, according to

Some ministers may be heartened to learn that "there is great patience with longwinded orators," and that meetings are generally conducted in a courteous manner. But the guide says that if

someone expresses "surprise" about a statement, the speaker means that "something said

Similarly, anyone perplexed by a remark or intervention really means that something said is "pretty nonsensical", and anyone expressing disappointment is being far too cautious and means to say that "everyone else is being need-

lessly difficult". Ministers are warned that an abrasive or combative style is unusual and would be conspicuous, but they are told to be persistent to get their message across.

Anyone chairing a committee is told to "curtail overlong or irrelevant speeches" and to be evenhanded. But they are warned not to hurry proceedings too much as that might backfire. The guide states: "Delegations need time to

Milking love of chocolate

TONY BLAIR might wish to turn the British presidency of the EU to his advantage at home by fighting to saving milk chocolate. The issue has been put down by officials as "one to watch". If necessary, Mr Blair could look for tips from Jim Hacker, of fictional Yes Minister fame, who achieved front-page attention after floating the Brussels plan to make the British sausage illegal and then launching a successful battle to save the British banger. It pelled Hacker from minister to Prime Minister.

reflect and consult if they are to shift their position." No one should agree a final text of legislation until they have read it in English.

On dealing with trouble-some MEPs, the best tactic, according to the guide, is "to argue, in measured tone, that this is not a priority issue for discussion". Among fixers who can expect countless offers of British hospitality are the French lawyer and MEP, Nicole Fontaine, 55, vice-president of the European Parliament: Pauline Green, 48, the British MEP who leads the Socialist group; Wilfried Martens, 61, the Belgian who leads the Christian Democratic European People's Party; and Gijs de Vries, 41, the Dutch leader of the European Liberal

Democrat and Reform Party. Press officers are also told to remind their ministers to speak wearing the presidency hat. An early-morning inquiry from a journalist of "What are you trying to achieve today?" should not be answered "We'll be fighting to secure the best deal for the UK".

Planning for the presidency has taken up more than 1,500 working days of official time. ☐ A former Conservative MEP has defected to the Liberal Democrats in protest at William Hague's opposition to the European single currency. Peter Price represented 1984, then London South East



Thousands of revivalist Christians, who believe in speaking in tongues, prophecy and miracles, at a recent meeting at the London Arens

Charismatics offer secret prayers for Blair

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

IN ONE of the best-kept secrets of the religious world, 8,000 revivalist Christians have been hiring the London Arena in Docklands to pray through the night for Tony Blair and his Government.

The three-monthly gathering, which has been publicised only in the specialist Christian pentecostalist media, meets again this Friday for an all-night festival

of prayer, praise and worship. Nearly 10,000 charismatic Christians who believe in speaking in tongues, prophecy and miracles — are expected to turn up for the 9'2-hour meeting, which is have the Prime Minister and his team lic churches. While preachers such as Blair and his Government," he said.

high on its list of "prayer targets". Some adherents believe their pre-election prayers for "good government" might even iffuenced the outcome of the

The festival, a phenomenon which has caught church and secular leaders by surprise, has been imported to Britain from Lagos, Nigeria. It is a rare example of a black-led movement capturing the attention of the mainstream Christian

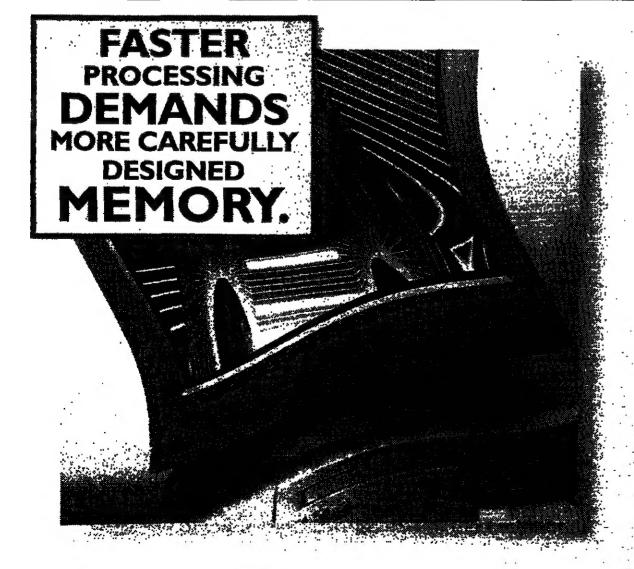
churches in Britain. Up to a third of worshippers on Friday night, the eighth meeting in two years, are expected to be from predominantly white pentecostal churches such as the Elim ministries and the Assemblies of of Life, unprecedented in Britain, will England, Methodist and Roman Catho-

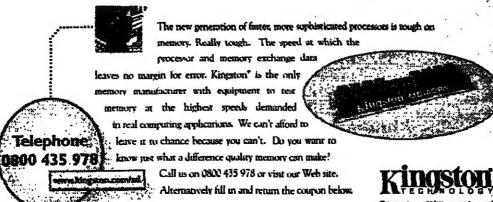
large revivalist meetings in Britain, and others have hired venues such as Wembley, the Festival of Life is the biggest regular worship meeting to take place here and the first to meet through the

The £60,000 fee for the arena is financed by members of the Nigerianbased Redeemed Christian Church of God. David Proudfoot, a spokesman, said that although a nominal collection is taken, there is no pressure to donate. More than 500 supporters give monthly donations towards expenses. "These meetings are born out of a genuine desire to worship God. They go for prayer targets, and decide to pray about a certain matter. One of these will be Tony



A preacher at a meeting of the Festival of Life





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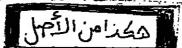
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Eritish suspicions deepen as Yeltsin makes mischief with Kohl

oris Yeltsin has been up to his old tricks in Scandinavia. Last week, in another ill-starred trip abroad. he made an offer to cut naval forces in the Baltic that surprised even his own high command. His bumbling political style, how-ever, concealed the real geopolitical intent: to separate Baltic security from the rest of Western Europe.

Russia has been playing

this game in different regions since 1992 — some would say for centuries — according to a scheme refined by Yevgeni Primakov, first as KGB chief, nen as Foreign Minister. To splinter the West is regarded



BY ROGER BOYES

strategy to Nato's eastward expansion: little wonder that Russian espionage activity in Europe has become intense. Mr Yeltsin has presided over

regional Euro-Asiatic power. His plurases smack of Tsarist positional diplomacy.

That is why Helmut Kohl,

the German Chancellor, should step with caution in his much vaunted friendship with Mr Yeltsin. So far the Chancellor has carefully paced this relationship. At the bilateral summit in Baden-Baden last April -- the 75th anniversary of the Treaty of Rapallo — Mr Yeltsin sug-gested a strategic partnership Wisely, the German leader declined and explained that he did not want to be an interpreter between Russia

them down: not enough help in making Nato enlargement attractive to the Russians. slow progress in the opening of European markets and sluggish German investment This was unfair but touched on an essential truth: Germans no longer want any thing much from the Rusenclusion. sians, apart from peace.

To advance the Russo-German friendship, Bonn concluded, it was necessary to broaden its base. Jacques Chirac was recruited. There are now to be regular Franco-Germanthat the era of Russo-German continental carve-ups has passed. Instead, suspicions have deepened. For the British; the triangle is a sign European foreign policy is still being driven by the Franco-German axis, that the trend remains one of

Mr Yeltsin delights in sow ing such mistrust. Once, at a dinner attended by West European heads of government, he whispered into Herr Kohl's ear: "Helmut, I don't think they like me very much." The seductive message — sauma friend Helmut enjoys a special relationship:

country from superpower to a started to complain about of incorporating France was Soon enough M Chirac will regional Euro-Asiatic power. how Germany was letting to reassure Central Europe step into that sauna too and step into that sauna too and will, like Herr Kohl, be flattered. The Franco-German partnership has thus become part of Russia's regional strategy.

The Americans are as dismayed as the British. If Germany no longer wants much from Russia, why construct special relationships in competition with Washington? A short essay, "Life After Kohl", in the latest issue of Foreign Affairs argues that a common approach to Russia should bond Germany and the US at a time of transatlantic drift. "Germany's concentration on moving European integration ahead, and Amer-

ca, the Middle East, the Paciterests of Germany, a region-European power, are minor - mean that the US and the Federal Republic will work together less

Robert Gerald Living-ston, one of Washing-ton's top German experts, sees the US and Germany as natural allies on policy towards Moscow. Their interest in the regions are congruent. They both are keenly aware of the need to take account of Russia's security interests ... " Germany,

frequently."

to shape a Russian policy without America.

German critics of this column complain that its logic is often drawn from a past era: containment, expansion, encirclement, all the Kaiserwords. They are only partly right. Germany has a special position and generates spe-cial anxieties. Britain is wary of Germany's European plans in the West; Russia of Germany's reach in the East. These may seem like 19thcentury categories, but they still apply. The time has come for Britain to develop a coherent European Union strategy on Russia that can hold up in the 21st century.

Madrid to propose 'two-flag' plan for Gibraltar

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

SPAIN is to propose that that the Spanish plan was Britain takes a 99-year lease on Gibraltar, after London climbed down over its threatened veto of Spanish integration in Nato's military

command. As Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, prepares for talks in London on Wednesday with Allel Matutes, his Spanish counterpart. Spanish sources have revealed that their Govefament is ready to unveil a new plan for joint sovereignty to make London and Madrid jointly responsible for the Rock until it reverts to Spanish

control in the next century. To sweeten the package. Spain will suggest social benenomic inducements to perstrade inhabitants of the Rock to accept the plan. It promises to give the 30,000 Gibraltarians more say over their future access to far more money lid special funds than they new enjoy as a British

dependency. However, Spain made clear it will use both stick and carrot. If Gibraltarians are "obstinate", Spain will toughon the already difficult border controls, Señor Matutes said in a newspaper interview yesterday. British officials disany suggestion of sovereignty, saying

that if Spain tried to bully Gibraltar again, there would be a sharp British reaction.

Last week a Bill was introduced in the Commons proposing to give Gibraltar the right to elect its own MP to Westminster. It would integrate Gibraltar with Britain and give it the same political rights as any part of the United Kingdom. Such a plan provoke fury in would

Spain admits that its twoflag plan is not new, saying it was first put to James Caliaghan when he was Prime Minister in 1979. But it claims far more to Gibraltarians.

Peter Caruana, the Chief Minister of Gibraltar, said during a recent visit to London that he would press Britain to end the Rock's colonial status by making it a crown dependency, similar to Jersey or the Isle of Man.

Mr Cook said he would give Mr Caruana's proposal "a fair wind", but British officials made clear they would not do anything to upset Madrid. Spanish sources said the proposal was unacceptable but Madrid has few hopes that Britain will endorse its own



Rescue workers search through the wreckage of the huge Antonov-124 military transport plane that crashed into flats in the Siberian town of Irkutsk at the weekend

Russia grounds cargo flights after 70 die in crash

IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA yesterday grounded all flights of its Antonov-124 military transport aircraft after one of the huge cargo planes ploughed into a Siberian city at the weekend, killing

As hundreds of rescue workers continued to comb the devastated site of the crash in the city of Irkutsk, the flights had been suspended until it had established what had caused the

disaster on Saturday. According to reports from the area, some 3,000 miles east of Moscow, the cargo plane had only been in the air for about 20 seconds when the crew reported that two of the four engines

The plane, which was on its way to Vietnam carrying two Sukhoi-27 fighter jets, had only climbed a few hundred feet when it belly-flopped onto a residential area close to the military airbase.

"I looked outside and saw the plane descending, leaning to one side, getting lower and lower," said one elderly witness. "I felt a shudder go through me and I felt awful. Then I

The plane, more than 200ft long

heard a bang and all my doors and windows blew open."

carrying 110 tonnes of aviation fuel which exploded on impact, setting apartment blocks and a nearby orphanage on fire and sending huge chunks of fuseiage flying into sur-rounding buildings. Galina Dmitrovna, one of the first rescue workers at the scene, said: "There was fire.

There were no people. Nothing but Fortunately, most of the residents

time of the accident. Among the dead were 23 people on the aircraft and 24 residents, including two children

from the orphanage.
At least 13 people, including eight children, were taken to hospital -suffering severe burns. Another 24 people were listed as missing, although the rescue services said that there was no chance of finding any



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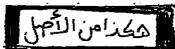
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'Pensioner spy' fooled Mossad for ten years

MOSSAD, Israel's secret service, was further discredited yesterday with disclosures that it wrongly assessed Iraq's nuclear potential and that for nearly a decade it was misled by one of its own spies about Syria's strategic goals.
The latest scandals have

come while a government committee is still investigating Mossad's hopelessly bungled attempt on September 25 to poison Khaled Meshaal, the leader of Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, in

Israel's Channel 2 television network revealed that last year Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, mistakenly informed the US Government that Iraq was much

closer to having nuclear weap-ons capability than it was.
The false Israell report was only exposed when it was challenged by the Americans, who had their own intelli-gence showing that Iraq's acquisition of nuclear weapons was not as imminent as Mr Netanyahu claimed. He was relying on a briefing given to him by Uzi Arad. a high-ranking Mossad agent who is now his political

In the Iraqi affair, Mossad

information from sources in Baghdad that did not exist. out that, had there not been a sharp counter-assertion by the CIA, the false Mossad report on the Baghdad regime's nuclear capability could have prompted a similar pre-emptive strike to that launched by Israeli warplanes against the Iraqis' Osirak

eactor in 1981. Details of the latest scandal were broadcast just as Israelis were attempting to digest the almost farcical details of the lengthy deception over Syria perpetrated by veteran agent Yehuda Gil. 63, who nearly led the Israeli Army into war against the Syrians last year by misleading his superiors about the motive for Syrian

The Tel Aviv District Court lifted an earlier ban and allowed Israeli papers to re-port that Mr Gil had contin-ued to fool Mossad even after his retirement and that he is alleged to have pocketed about \$200,000 in cash to pay off his

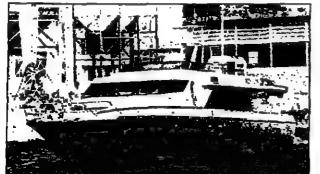
Mr Gil, who concacted his false reports at home in the sleepy Israeli town of Gedera, south of Tel Aviv, is due to go on trial on December 17. The charges against him include



build basilica

Charity workers, en-dorsed by the Pope, used ten million drinks cans to build this replica of St Peter's Basilica, opened at the weekend. The 97ft-high model on Rome's outskirts is a fifth the size of the real building. The 40 volunteers for blood and organ donor charities hope to raise money by auctioning the aluminium when the replica is dismantled next

Liquid assets



The ocean-going but unreliable royal yacht Fortuna

Balearics millionaires keep Spanish King afloat

FROM GILES TREMUETT IN MADSED

the intent to harm state sec-

information purporting to

have originated from foreign sources. He has become

known as "the pensioner spy

because Mossad continued to

use his false information after

To add to Mossad's humili-

ation over the Gil affair, it was

Libyan-born spy once served

as a permanent instructor at the Mossad college near the Israeli seaside town of

Herziliya, teaching cadets a special course. The Lie as

The motive for Mr Gil's

deception is not clear. Fluent

in Arabic, French and Italian,

he was revealed yesterday to

have been a former leading

figure in the far-right Molodet

Party, which advocates the

expulsion of Palestinians from

the West Bank and the Gaza

Strip and opposes even mini-mal territorial compromise

speculation that Mr Gil's con-

cocted reports might have

been aimed at discouraging Israeli leaders from making

peace with Arab countries

with the Arabs.

The disclosure

his retirement in 1989.

THE problem of how to replace King Juan Carlos of Spain's royal yacht, the Fortuna, has been solved by a group of millionaires who are clubbing together to buy him a new one.

The offer by 25 millionaires from the Balearic Islands brings to an end a five-year saga over the occan-going royal yacht, which had taken to breaking down in embarrassing circumstances. Some of the King's guests. found themselves being towed back to port by fishing boats after the 150ft Fortuna's engines blew.

Fortuna's engines onew.

In 1992 the King ordered a new Fortuna to be built at a Spanish shipyard. But when the budget spiralled out of control, he decided it was best to sell the new vessel and keep patching up the old one.

Mario Conde, a banker and then

owner of the shipyard, tried to give the f6 million yacht to the King as a present, but it was refused. The gift

would eventually have proved a huge embarrassment for the King, as Sefor Conde is now on trial for allegedly robbing his bank's customers of up to £50 million.

The millionaires from the Mediterranean islands of Majorca, Minorca and Ibiza have overcome the problem of gift-giving by forming a special charity which will pay the £12 million cost of the new Fortuna. The vessel will be owned by the state but used by the

and the Royal Family for the positive publicity that their frequent visits to the islands brings us," said Gabriel Barcelo, one of the millionaires who will each donate £500,000. Most of them have made their fortunes from

Spain's Royal Family spends the summer holidays at the Miravent palace in Palma de Mallorca.

The King will receive the donors at the Zarzuela Palace in Madrid on Thursday, when they will formally offer to buy the new vessel.

Mugabe to close farmers' judicial loophole

FROM JAN RAATH

PRESIDENT MUGABE announced that he would not allow white farmers to take the Government to court over his planned mass expropria-tion of land begun ten days ago with the promulgation of a list of nearly 1,500 farms for "forcible acquisition".

The Zimbabwean leader told the annual "people's con-ference" of his ruling Zanu PF party at the weekend that the controversial confiscation was "a political decision" and it would not help white farmers "to drag the Government to

count".
Farmers regard the legal avenues of appeal. The farms officially listed — after being chosen by Zanu party officials - cover 45 per cent of com-mercial farmland, of which about 85 per cent is fully productive. The Government has no apparent means to

"This is not a matter for the courts to decide," President Mugabe said: "It was not a matter for the courts to decide when our ancestors lost their land to white settlers. Where were the courts at that time? Why did they not intervene?"

He did not indicate at what point he would block their legal challenge. The law. under which the expropriation is being carried out, provides for an automatic review of a confiscation by the administrative court, a junior division of the High Court, which also has powers to quash the acquisitions. Farmers also have the right to appeal to the Supreme Court.

Yesterday Zimbabwe bish-ops urged the Government to ensure fairness and justice and allow the farmers to appeal to the courts. They said: "No citizen can legally be prevented from appealing to the courts as neutral arbiter, whatever the issue might be.'

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Houston elects its

first black mayor

Washington: Lee Brown, President Clinton's former drugs ezar and a former New York City police commissioner yesterday became the first black Mayor of Houston, Texas,

Mr Brown, 60, defeated Rob Mosbacher, 46, a wealthy

local oilman, by a margin of just 4 per cent after a late surge among black voters. He had deliberately avoided making

race an issue in the campaign, but the theme was rarely

below the surface in a city where two thirds of the 1.8 million

population is black or Hispanic. The campaign had drawn luminaries to both sides with President Clinton and Vice-

President Al Gore endorsing Mr Brown, while former President Bush backed the Republican candidate.

Cambodians in peace rally

Phnom Penh: Sam Rainsy, the opposition politician, staged a mass demonstration in the Cambodian capital for peace.

drawing thousands of people (Caroline Gluck writes), Buddhist monks and soldiers, including amputees in

wheelchairs or using crutches, marched along a four-mile

route to a pagoda on Phnom Penh's outskirts. The last rally staged by Mr Rainsy in March was ended by a grenade

attack which left at least 16 dead and more than 100 injured.

The march was given government permission after organi-

San Sebastian: Hooded youths attacked three bank branches with petrol bombs in overnight incidents of

violence in northern Spain's Basque region after the

imprisonment of 23 members of Herri Batasuna, a Basque

independence party, police reported yesterday. Two bank

offices in the town of Azpeitia and another in the coastal city

of San Sebastian were damaged in the attacks, which

followed others carried out in the region on Saturday. (AP)

Diyarbakir: Turkish jets have launched bombing raids on

Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) guerrilla positions in northern Iraq. A military official said two Fl6s took off from Diyarbakir airbase to attack rebels in the Khwakurk area.

Earlier, 10,000 Turkish troops crossed the border to join an

Iraqi Kurdish group and thousands of Turkish soldiers

already campaigning against the PKK in Iraq. (Reuters)

Anti-polio battle launched

Turks bomb Kurd rebels

sers agreed to reroute it away from the heart of the city.

Basque banks attacked

after a tight race (Tom Rhodes writes).

WORLD IN BRIEF

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New-look Iran seeks to woo wary Saudis

ALMOSTwo decades after Iran threened to export its Shia Islan revolution to the Middle Ist. Tehran is making peacwith its Saudi en-emy in antempt to challenge America nfluence.

Such as the degree of hatred tt the late Ayatollah Khomei declared ten years ago thatan might one day be able a forgive President addan lussein of Iraq, but ever hg Fahd of Saudi rabia hose overthrow he de mand repeatedly.

But tay, 18 years after the ritualeader sent alarm bell 5 riing around the predom inaly Sunni Muslim Arab orld, King Fahd's broth er rown Prince Abdul-lah il prabdul Aziz al-Saud. th many of Iran's temies who supported Sao im's eight-year war against Persian cockroaches", will ly to Tehran to attend a summi of the Organisation

of Islam? Conference (OIC). For Jehran, the biggest gatherin of Islamic leaders in the city are the 1979 revolution rece lents a chance to repair i arnished international ing. : and advance its regional

Teluan is playing

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write s Michael Theo doulou

powerbroker. The fact that not one of the 55 rine nbers of the OIC has boyconted the summit has delighted Iriani in leaders, who see it as proof that America's attempts to isolate the Islamic reput hic have

Iranian commentation's contrasted the turnout with the large-scale boycott of last month's American-sportsured Middle East economic st im mit in Qatar. The princes and presidents visiting Iran well be greeted by images of a less threatening country and totale that is keen to demonstrate? pragmatic foreign policy under President Khatami, the moderate leader who said recently: First comes Iran,

then Islam," A European diplomat said:



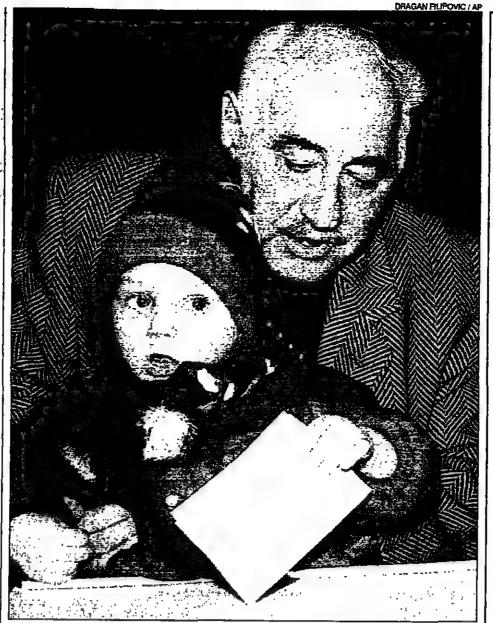
A Tehan maal depicts "satanic powers" trying to destro Islan But Iran has toned down its rhetoric

aged by Khatami, with even the most conservative state willing to give Iran a chance. Of course, they will want to see

> Perhaps, in deference to their sensitivities, Iran is also making amends. The slogan Down with America", once prominently displayed in ev-ery hotel lobby, is nowhere to be seen in five-star establishments that have undergone expensive refurbishments for what is being labelled as the "summit of the century". Although satellite dishes are officially banned, hotels accommodating the 5,000 or so guests have access to the Atlanta-based CNN.

Outside the new marbled conference centre hangs a huge poster depicting the stern face of Ayatollah Khomeini and adorned with a slogan, "Islam humiliates and downgrades the superpowers". But with just one remaining super-power, it has an anachronistic ring. Moreover, Iran has since fostered close diplomatic ties with Russia.

Whether Iran succeeds in improving ties with its suspin'ous Arab neighbours will k ile to depend to an extent on the o, ut, come of a power struggle be tw/een conservative and me derrate factions in Tehran. trig gered by Mr Khatami's land silide election victory in May over a hardline candidate. A hardline newspaper. Jonhuin' islami, at the weekend ac's ocated strict adherence to Khomeini's radical brand of a evolutionary Islam as the only way to make the summit a su coess. But Kamal Kharrazi, the Foreign Minister, dismissed , that view as "far from the position of the



A Serbian child puts his grandfather's vote in a Belgrade ballot box yesterday

Serbia heads for election run-off

FROM TOM WALKER IN RELGRADE

SERBS voted yesterday for the third time in as many

months in an attempt to break the constitutional deadlock in a country already in economic and social crisis Last month Vojislav Seselj.

the extreme nationalist, came close to replacing Slobodan Milosevic, who now occupies the supposedly more ceremonial role of Yugoslav President. Victory was denied him only because the turnout was a few thousand short of the required 50 per cent.

Mr Seselj's homespun recipe of xenophobia. hard work and discipline is an increasingly attractive proposition for a people desperate to escape poverty, gangsterism and chaos. Mr Seselj and Milan Milutinovic, his Socialist rival, were ahead in the

seven-man field, and another run-off in two weeks' time was expected

☐ Sarajevo: International monitors said Bosnian Serb nationalists loyal to Radovan Karadzic, indicted for alleged war crimes, lost ground in last month's elections to the Western-backed President Playsic and failed to secure a majority. (Reuters)

Robin Cook, page 20

An Indian baby receives polio vaccine from a health worker in Delhi as Inder Kumar Gujral, the Indian Prime Minister, launched the last phase of an antipolio campaign aimed at immunising 125 million children. He administered vaccine to 22 children in Assam and called for the

Dogs killed in truffle war

disease to be stamped ou

within two years. (AFP)

Perugia: Two skilled truffle dogs were killed by poison as a war between hunters of the fungi in central Italy intensified. the Ansa news agency said. More than 30 valuable dogs, which sniff out the black and white truffles, have been killed by strychnine since the start of the season in October. les can fetch more than FI 800 a lb (Reuters)

Africant killer butterflies thireaten to wipe out Spanish geraniums larvae and caterpillars destroy the are inside the buds. Geraniums are

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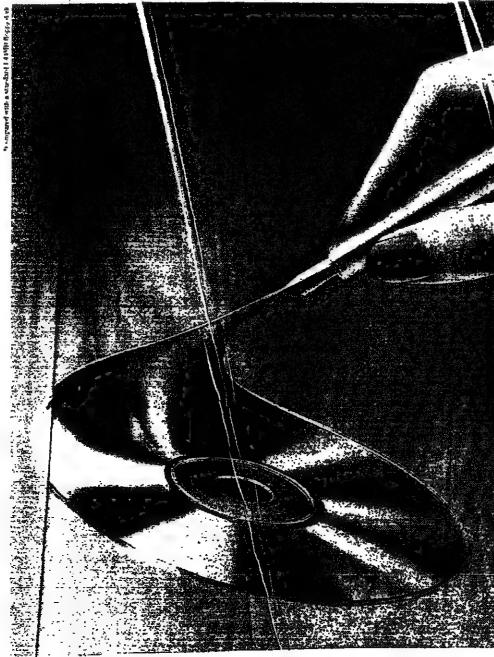
bronze, has already decimated the flowers on Majorca. Scientists say it has now crossed to mainland Spain and will sweep across the country in a few years. The butterfly, which is brown with white wingtips, comes

bers is a Africa are controlled by predaton 's, it has no natural enemy in Spain. " I. ' is impossible to eradicate." said Alber T Maso, a botanist.

Garden e rs and hoteliers in Majorare alr. > 1dy replacing geraniums

plants by eating into their buds. Eggs are often injected directly into the buds, allowing them to be devoured from the inside. Only the application of a strong insecticide every two weeks can save the plants, although Cacyrous mehalli, the geranium have reached Majorca in imported with other plants. The butterflies' even this is difficult when the larvae in southern Europe.

big business in Spain and the nation's most popular ornamental plant. Some ten million plants are grown for sale every year. Experts say the butterflies have



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Clinton puppy love puts dog back at the top

IN THE time honoured tradition of American leaders, and to fill the vacuum created by the departure of his daughter, President Clinton has decided to bring a dog to the White

The President is said to have immediately fallen in love with the unnamed three-month-old chocolate labrador when man and beast met for the first time last week.

"He met the puppy and decided he wanted to keep it," said Eric Rubin, a White House official. "He [the puppy] will be trained first, so there is no specific time set for his arrival at the White House."

Arranged by Tony Harrington, the

current owner, who is a friend of Mr Clinton's, the arrival is certain to ruffle the whiskers of Socks, Chelsea Clinton's cat, who until now has been the only First Pet in Washington since President Bush occupied the White House with Ranger and Millie, the springer spaniels who became household names.

The Clintons have clearly been pining for company since Chelses left for Stanford University this summer. but the President is also said to have taken heed of President Truman's famous observation that "if you want a friend in Washington, get a dog". Roy Rowan, an expert on presiden-

tial canines who recently published First Dogs, American Presidents and their Best Friends, said that 54

The nation likes to see a dog in the White House, Clinton has not only been depriving himself of the fun of having a per, he's been depriving the whole country," Mr Rowan said.
"The Oval Office is probably one of
the most pressure ridden places in the world, and I think it's good for a President to have a dog - very

therapeutic, too.". Nearly every President since George Washington, who owned 37, has owned a dog and many have been on hand when history hung in the balance. After the Cuban missile crisis, the Cold War thawed when Nikita Khrushchev brought

Pushinka, a mongrel descenderom Russian dogssent into space, a gift for President Kennedy's danter. Caroline.

Franklin Roosevelt's Scottisterrier. Fala, was at the 1941 meet for the signing of the Atlantic curter where the dog apparently hded with Rufus, Winston Chapill's poodle, in the secret confirmof a cruiser off Newfoundland.

The decision to have his dogusetrained before being allowed the White House suggests the Mr Clinton may have learnt a sson from the previous Democrat incumbent. Gritts, a mongrel bight to Washington by President Cter did not last very long after it lied many of the mansion's carpets

US to aim missiles at 'rogue nations'

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

ordered a change in the targetng of American nuclear weapons, directing US military chiefs to deter possible conflict by threatening a devastating response to any nuclear threat

Abandoning Cold War tactics that demanded the Pentagon be prepared for a protracted conflict, Mr Clinton's instructions to his Defence Secretary and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff mark the first formal adjustment in the targeting of nuclear missiles since a directive was signed by President Reagan in 1981.

The new and highly classified guidelines, reported by The Washington Post yesterday, still require war planners to retain options for nuclear strikes against the military and civilian leadership in Moscow as well as Russian nuclear forces. But the language now allows for the targeting of a broader list of sites in the unlikely event of a nuclear exchange with China, and also demands general planning for potential nuclear rogue states" that have prospective access to weapons of mass destruction.

Since the 1970s, the Pentagon has had a special plan for China that would hold some weapons in reserve after a war with Russia for possible strikes against Beijing's strate-gic warheads, leadership, petroleum and electrical power supply system. Sources said a shift in policy would now allow the Pentagon to plan attacks against China's growing military-industrial com-

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order, which could pave the way for further reductions in the US nuclear arsenal by requiring that fewer weapons be held in reserve, was issued last month and reflected an increasing sense in Washington that no country could emerge unscathed from a big

nuclear exchange America will continue to rely on nuclear arms as a cornerstone of its national security for the "indefinite future" and will retain three elements of nuclear forces. consisting of bombers, land missiles and submarine-based missiles. Critics of US nuclear policy had suggested that Washington follow the example of France, which gave up its land-based strategic missiles both to save money and to weaken incentives for an enemy first strike against such weapons. Britain and France both rely solely on nuclearequipped bombers and subweapons for marine

Known as PDD, the President's directive was prepared twan inner sanctum of advisers from the National Security Council, the Pentagon, the CIA, State Department and members of the vice-president's office. "Most notably the PDD removes from presidential guidance all previous references to being able to wage a nuclear war successfully or to prevail in a nuclear war," said Robert Bell, a senior director for defence policy at the National Security Council. "The emphasis of his directive is therefore on deterring nuclear wars or the use of nuclear weapons at any level,

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John F. Kennedy Jr., son of the late American President, arriving with his wife Carolyn at La Scala, Milan, on Saturday for a performance of Verdi's Macbeth, conducted by Riccardo Muti, which opened the new season

White House helps to save Everglade

THE White House is helping to buy more than 50,000 acres of sugar-cane fields in Florida. as part of a monumental restoration project to mark the 50th anniversary of the endangered Everglades National Park (Tom Rhodes writes).

Since its dedication by President Truman in 1947, the delicate habitat has become the most imperilled in America. Dredged and drained for development and farming. much of the park is polluted

chemicals, including mercury, in the runoff from the sugar fields that now dominate much of it. The wild wetlands that hid rum runners in the 1930s, drug smugglers in the 1970s and CIA training camps for decades, is now a shadow of its former self.

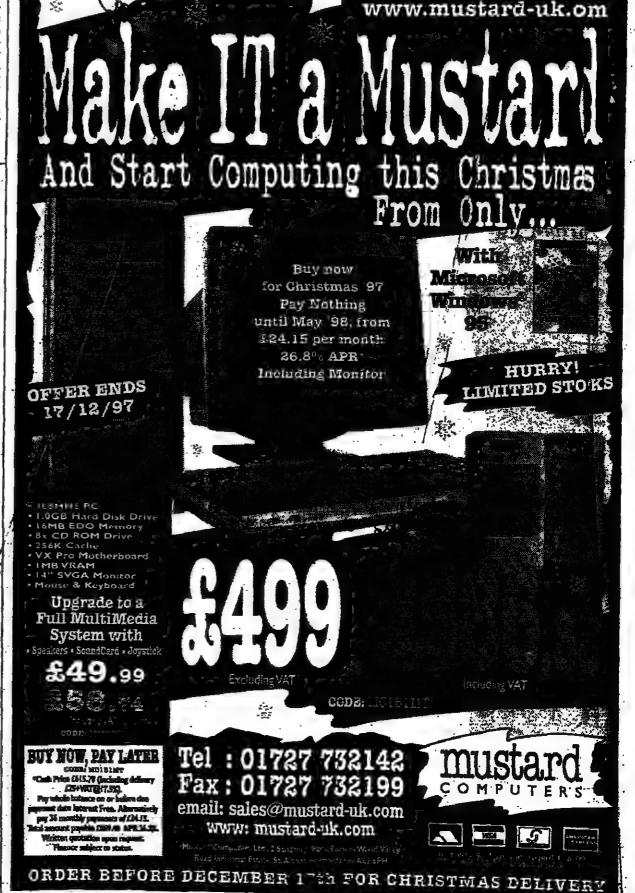
As part of a \$1.5 billion (£890 million) programme to reverse a century of harmful development and drainage. Vice-President Al Gore announced at the weekend the

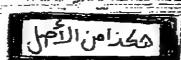
owned by the St Joe Corporation. The federal Government and the State of Florida will foot the \$133.5 million cost to keep the sugar-cane fields fallow as a reservoir of fresh water. "If the Everglades is the heart of south Florida, the water is its lifeblood," Mr Gore said during an anniversary celebration before leaving for the Kyoto summit opening in Japan today.

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Prostate cancer is the hidden killer men. In 20 years time one in four Blitish men will have developes the Time ase. This year The Traces, as part of its Christmas appear as supporting s eryman, set up by the texture of Cincer Research Themands raised will help the insulates search for a genetic cause. Am anar Minga and Br Thomas Similator de Experie

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y 2018, one in four men in Britain will have prostate cancer. More immediately, 16,000 men will learn next year hat they have the disease. They and heir families will also discover, to thir despair, that there is no mass screning programme, little research, umpeasant treatments and no guar-

Tley will be told that operations, whith do not always result in success, carr high risks of impotence and incutinence, and that many doctors coursel against them. They may prefr not to learn that the cancer will eventually kill 11,000 — a startling 70 per ent - of them.

It is not surprising that prostate caner has become known as the hiclen disease". The condition has beer overshadowed by the coverage affoded to cancers of the cervix and the breast, which rob families of sistes, mothers and wives. Sadiy, as lon; as it remains neglected, prostate camer will continue to rob families of brohers, fathers and husbands. This

Chistmas to support the everyman appeal let up by the Institute of Cancer Recarch (ICR), which is trying to identify the ge-nete basis of the cordition.

The lowly status of prestate cancer may also be the to the fact that it affects men from about 50 upwards, a group whose allments tend to attract little sympathy. Often it is perceived as a deease of

old men who do lot have long to live," saysthe ICR's Professor Colin Cooper, win will head Britain's first centre for prological cancers.
"But it's not uncommon to find men under 40 with familial prostate

For every £f spent on breast cancer, only £l s spent on prostate cancer. Another reason for its low profile is that postate cancer affects men in areas thy would rather keep private: surger to remove the prostate, a male sx gland, can cause incontinence aid impotence, threatening male inependence and virility. Men are notoriously reticent about medica matters: President Francois Minerand of France, perhaps the best-hown victim, kept his

condition secret during most of his The prostar is a chestnut-sized gland under the bladder and in front of the recture. The gland, whose secretions corribute to seminal fluid, is only a fer grams at birth, but swells gradually to about 20g during puberty. Theprostate starts growing again at about the age of 50, and this can lead to trouble passing urine because of pressure on the bladder. However, in many cases, renewed enlargement remains harmless.

Prostate cancer is due to a malignant growth on the outer part of the gland. First signs include difficulty in passing urine, a poor urine flow, and frequent toilet visits. There might also be blood in the urine.

Some of these problems are typical of a benign enlarged prostate. However, the urinary symptoms do not always appear. This is why prostate cancer is so deadly - in at least half of cases, it is not until a man experiences pain in his back and legs that he will seek medical advice, Unfortunately, such pains signal that the cancer has spread to the bones, making it even more difficult to treat

The cause, as with many other cancers, is unknown: However, vegetarians enjoy a much lower incidence of the disease. Men in the Far East have a much lower rate than men in Western cultures. Britain and Ameriis vhy The Times has chosen this ca, who include in a high-fat, high-

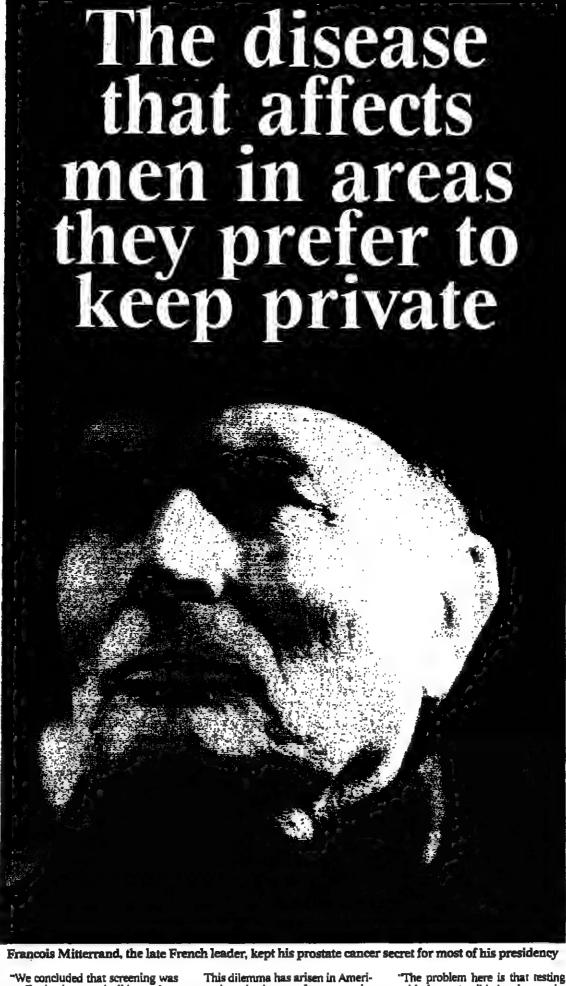
meat diets, top the league. The disease tends to run in families, suggesting that susceptibility may be genetic. Testosterone, the male hormone, is implicated too; drugs that suppress testosterone are often used to control the

A blood test can provide an initial clue about whether the disease has developed. The PSA test measures levels of prostate specific antigen, a

protein that is always present in the prostate but is generated in greater quantities in the presence of cancer cells. A score of up to four means a clean bill of health; scores above that require additional testing. Results of about 15 or more indicate that a man

is "very likely" to have cancer. However, the PSA test is not a diagnostic and merely identifies cases that warrant further investigation. Rectal examination, ultrasound scars and biopsies are used to make a definitive diagnosis.

There have been calls to make the PSA test available to every man over 50. But a controversial report by the National Health Centre for Reviews and Dissemination, at York University, earlier this year ruled against mass screening. A screening programme, the report said, did not reduce the death rate and would cause needless anxiety. Dr Sue Moss, an epidemiologist at the ICR, who was involved in the assessment, adds that there are other problems with a screening programme.



not effective because it didn't reduce mortality," says Dr Moss. "But we did conclude that we needed to do more research. We would like to see a trial of screening carried out." However, general uncertainty about treatment remains. "If you identify all the cases, there is a still a question of what you do with them."

ca, where in the past few years, the cancer has risen sharply, and it is now five times higher than in Britain. This, suggests Professor Cooper, is almost certainly down to the widespread availability of the PSA test although there is evidence that testing is reducing the death rate.

would place a terrible burden on the NHS," says Professor Cooper. "We could expect five times as many men to be diagnosed. That means five times as many would need radioherapy or a radical prostatectomy. I am not sure the NHS could take it." Details of how to contribute to the appeal, page 6. Leader, page 21

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Money or your life

Costly it may be, but screening in good time can reduce fatalities

the growth is so far advanced that cure is not ossible. Even the most skilled urologist, or geneto-urinary physician, is un-able to detect 40 per cent of significant tumours in the

The inevitable inaccuracy of diagnosing by rectal examination has tended to discredit the value of prostatic screening. And this uncertainty has intensified the need to discover a reliable diagnostic tool that can be operated by any doctor. It was hoped that the prostatic specific anti-gen (PSA) blood test would be such a device, but its reputation has been blighted by a high level of false positive results.

More refined PSA tests are being introduced, but they, too, are

still not perfect. Some doctors who pride themselves on the sensitivity of their fingers, and their expertise physical amination may resent the idea that any newly qualified doctor with a sy-

Dr Thomas Stuttaford ringe, and access to a laboratory, is now able to achieve equally accurate diagnostic results. Professional rivalry is not the only reason the PSA test has been derided by some senior doctors. Medical politics, too, have undermined its use. For treatment of cancer of the prostate threatens to be one of the great drains on the Exchequer during the next

20 years. The sooner the

cancer is detected, the bet-

ter, in terms of the patient's

chance of survival — but

the NHS. Even now, cure can be achieved in early diagnosed cases through radical treatment, whether surgery or radiotherapy

but it is expensive. It is easy to understand that those whose main concern is to balance the books, rather than treat individual patients, may be ambivalent towards

DIAGNOSING prostate cancer is easy only when healthy patients. If successful that will result in the increased diagnosis of a costly disease destined to ruin budgets at every level of the health service.

Part of the politics of the PSA controversy is ageistbased. An expert on medical finance was reported to have suggested that saving the lives of elderly men should not be the priority of the NHS.

The official argued, albeit privately after a meeting, that these men are either unproductive, or about to become unproductive. Not only is their treatment appallingly expensive, but if it does rescue them from an early death from prostate cancer, they are likely to fall prey to some other British people spend far less on health

than other comparable those working in the NHS have come to accept a ratheir services which would not be, and is not, sanctioned where. Once there is rationing, and the medical

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equivalent of a siege mentality has become established, keeping the elderly alive ceases to be a major

Some of those who are opposed to PSA and prostatic screening have been unwittingly influenced by apparently respectable medical arguments put forward by faceless men in grey suits who feel that their first considerations should be financial, so that money may be saved to treat what is, in their opinion, a more deserving section of the community.

When I found that my own PSA test was elevated, thought that the hope of long-term survival far outweighed any anxieties about the transitory discomfort of a prostatic biopsy. In a democracy, the opportunity to make the choice I had because I am a doctor should be offered to all men.

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The controversial debate continues over he best treatments; lus how the fear of mpotence is stopping men from seeking help

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J-turn on women's direction

TRAVELLING by Tube is disorientating. When you emerge at a strange station, it takes a while to get your bearings. But Professor Mary Ann Baenninger, a psychologist from the University of New Jersey, was astonished to discover that her husband always knew which way he was facing when he emerged from the New York subway. He did it by keeping mental track of each change of direction during the journey.

Professor Baenninger tried the same technique and found it worked. She then wondered whether the notion that women have a poor sense of direction might simply mean that they were paying less attention. The current issue of American Scientist reports on her experiments. She and Kersten Elenteny, an undergraduate, tested 120 students who had never visited New Jersey University. One by one — and without being told the purpose of the experiment — they

were given a campus tour, ending at a new music building. Just before entering the building, the tour guide pointed out the Green Hall with its clocktower. The students were then taken on a rambling tour of the building. When they reached a windowless room in the basement, they were asked to point in the direction of Green Hall. Men were far better at this: on



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Nigel Hawkes direction. Women, on average, missed by 60 This suggests an innate superiority in direction-sensing among men. But then the psychologists repeated the experiment — but before the

music department tour began, they encouraged the students to remember where Green Hall was. This time, women and men got within 15 degrees of the right direction. They showed a further group a plan of the music building either before the tour, after it, or

allowed them to carry it. All these alternatives improved the women's pointing accuracy, especially being allowed to carrying the plan with them, but it made no difference to the men. "I think there are biologically-based differences between men's and women's directional

sense," says Professor Baenninger. "But I think that a greater amount of variability between men's and women's performances, particularly when it comes to everyday spatial tasks, is accounted for by experimental and motivational factors." In other words, men learn to pay attention to direction more than women - but women are just as good at it given the right motivation.

The monkey mothers who abuse their young



in macaque monkeys seems to have close parallels to that in humans, a

study in the US has shown. Abusers are concentrated in relatively few families. and the habit passes from generation to generation, says Dr Dario Maestripieri of Emory University in Atlanta,

The commonest form of abuse is "infant dragging" in which the mother drags the baby along along by the tail or leg. Abusive mothers also push, throw, or even step on their infants. "This behaviour is never shown by good mothers" Dr Maestripieri told New Scientist.

He constructed maternal family trees for the monkeys from records going back 35 years. These recorded all births, deaths and injuries in the group, details of autop-sles following infant deaths, and observations of violent

behaviour by mothers. He found that rhesus and pigtail macaques were esp cially prone to abusing their infants. Of 700 rhesus macaques, 20 were identified as abusers, and they came from just eight families. In one family of pigtail macaques. he found five sisters all abused their young.

Dr Maestripieri says that abusive mothers are not neelectful, spending more time grooming their young than other mothers do.

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Literary agents are now the new wheeler-dealers, says Janine di Giovanni

have just seen Oliver Stone's Wall Street for the tenth time since it was released in the 1980s. Watching it, I had a pang of longing for the richness of those days. All those shoulder pads, those Armani suits, those million-pound deals being clinched in a single telephone conversation. It makes one wonder where all that wheeler-dealing, fasttrack life has gone. Has it disappeared into the caring. sharing 1990s? Or worse, has it succumbed to what this month's issue of Tatler says is the buzzword of the decade:

No, because somewhere on this planet, there are carry wheeler-dealers, but they no longer exist in the City. The Gordon Gekkos of the 1000s are literary agents. Frenetic book auctions - such as the selling of this year's Booker winner Arundhati Roy's The God of Small Things, or a recent auction of the first novel of 32-year-old Zadie Smith are more exciting than the Nabisco merger. The quest -

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yourself the occasional sycophancy towards publishers. You also need to have your finger on the pulse of the literary world, and know what will be the next trend. This means membership, and regu-lar appearances, at the Cobden, Garrick and Groucho Clubs, and having a credit card flexible enough to chase down potential authors to the four corners of the world.

David Godwin, who is the hot agent this year, has jumped on aircraft to India. Canada and America with no notice in pursuit of a deal. His gamble paid off on several occasions. Most notable was the Indian journey, because he was met at Delhi airport by a then unknown author, Arundhati Roy. He left with her manuscript under his arm. and her undying loyalty.

Godwin is one of the new breed of agents invading the formerly stuffy old-boy network, most of whom, like him, started out on the editorial side of publishing. When he worked at the publisher Jona-

than Cape, Godwin was refor bringing in "literary" authors such as Martin Amis, Graham Swift and Ben Okri. He was a nice guy. Everyone liked him and wanted to go to his raucous annual Christmas party. He achieved some notoriety when GQ magazine featured him in black leather, like Claus Von Bülow. Then it went sour. Random House, the conglom-erate under which Jonathan Cape was imprinted, changed drastically and one day Godwin was out of a job.

It took him about five minutes to reinvent himself. He loved books, but everyone knows there is no money in publishing (unless you own the company), and Godwin has a big family. Agenting, however, is rich with possibilities. Look, for instance, at the success of Andrew "The Jackal" Wylie, the American who got Martin Amis the money for his new teeth. Or Caradoc King from A.P. Watt, who gets the novelist Philip Kerr "generous book deals" that are then spun into "massive" film deals by Kerr's West Coast agents, CAA. Or Caroline Dawnay who commands "substantial" sums for Nick Fever Pitch" Hornby.

David Godwin's early forays into agenting were not so successful. He irritated people because he ignored the unspoken rules. He poached clients, assuming that if the authors were willing to move, it was fair. He started out with five. Five years later, he had 60, including two Booker Prize winners, a racing driver (Stir-ling Moss), a former drug dealer (Howard Marks), a rock star (Ben Watt of Everything But The Girl) and, I admit, me. This year he had two authors shortlisted for the Booker Prize, and one of them won. Godwin went home in a white limo, a detail of which he is extremely proud. The last time one of his authors won,

there was no room in the car, and he was left in the rain. Last week he poached Claire Tomalin, a biographer who is regarded as both a financial

Interestingly enough, all of She just clinched a big deal for them are fairly new additions

Zadie Smith, getting her a twoowed it to he clients to get book contract at Penguin after to the agenting scene. One editor. Virginia Bonham-Cara hothy contested auction. All ter, from Fourth Estate, agrees Garrett had to buy was the 100

David Godwin's early forays into agenting irritated people because he ignored the unspoken rules and he joached clients

and literary acquisition. He swiped her from Pat Kavanagh, the wife of Julian Barnes, who, a few years ago, was the hot agent. Agenting, even Godwin will admit, is a ruthless business. Why did Tomalin defect? In the words of one London publisher: "Because David Godwin is so hot, he's smoking."

gents also need to be able to lie, and to be tremendous actors. The novelist Elisa Segrave, for instance, says she is always surprised at how cheerful Caroline Dawnay is whenever she rings. "She always sounds delighted to hear my voice," says Segrave,
"Even if she is not." Dawnay's response is that all her authors are precious. "I think more in the long term," she says. She does not believe that it is wise early in a writer's career to ask for mega fees. "It is a big mistake. I think agents can be too greedy for their clients at an early stage. It is important to take the trouble not to go for

the fast buck." When I ring around among publishers, inquiring who is hot at the moment, the same few names always crop up. David Godwin, Johnny Geller from Curtis Brown. Derek Johns of A.P. Watt, Georgia Garrett from Andrew Wylie.

with the list, but adds: "I think the hot shots are also - and I'm not being ageist — Gillon Aitken and Pat Kavanagh." Both have been around the publishing word for a long time. Maggie McKernan, head of Phoenix House, quickly cites Godwin and Geller. and also Georgina Capel, another young addition, who recently sold Julie Burchill's Diana, Princess of Wales, book for "a lot of money" (no

one will ever go on the record with specific sums). Others mention Georgia Garrett, the glamorous former editorial director at Picador.

pages that Smith, a Cambridge graduate, had written.

It is interesting to note the language that people use to describe the talents: hot, not hot, smoking, definitely uncool. It reminds me of bond traders discussing their stocks and shares. But this is part of the new world. Once upon a time, agenting was very cluband insular. All that changed when a new breed emerged, championed by Ed Victor, an American educated at Cambridge, whose thirst for literature equalled his thirst for getting big deals. Victor's philosophy was always that he

them as much money as possible, and ney — Will Self, iris Murdoct and the late irving Wallac, - are rarely disappointed. It was Victor who changed te entire format of agenting whn he decided to export it, diving his office between London, his Long Island retreat ad Hollywood.

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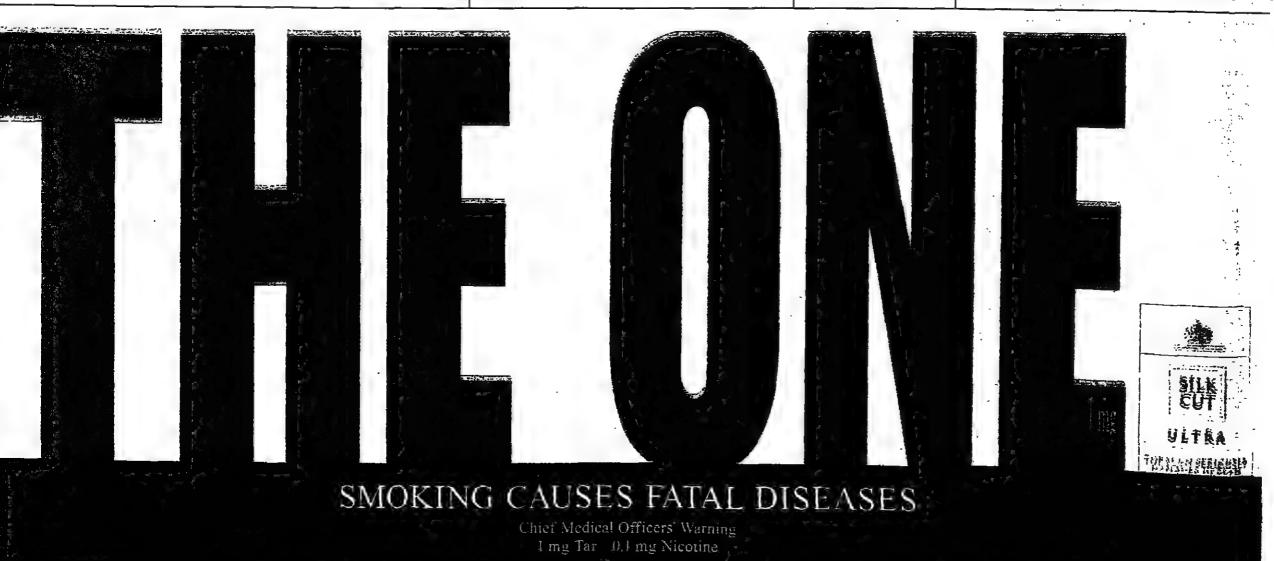
where," he has fren said. That phrase again. The Deal. "Oh, the deal is not everything," carly every agent I talked a said. "The important things the client." Of course. But me thing is clear. Gordon Cikko is alive and well and lving at the Frankfurt Book Fair. One almost feels sory for the

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Pavarotti and his prima donna

After 35 years of marriage, the great tenor left his wife for a new love, from whom he cannot bear to be parted. Interview by Noreen Taylor

Tirst there is the bulk. Luciano Pavarotti is dressed in a loose pink shirt that hangs over pale trousers - clothes designed to camouflage a protruding stomach as cumbersome as a full-term pregnancy.

And then there are the hands: beautiful, delicately sculpted, sun-tinted, with perfectly buffed nails. Such youthful hands for a 62-year-old. They are holding a mobile telephone, which has all his attention. He fondles it, strokes it and stares at it.

"My Nicoletta," he says with a soft moan, his chin cast down on his chest. "She is not with me. She has gone to Sarajevo today, gone alone, without me. I did not want her to go because we are never apart. But we created a music centre there and she has left with 50 blankets and presents for 300 children.

"You do not mind if I leave this switched on? She promise [sic] to ring the moment she arrives to say she is all right. We are together 24 hours a day all the time. I put my hand out at night to find her, and if she is not there because she has gone to sleep in another room . . . I'm like . . ."
He makes a startled motion to demon-

strate panic. "Now, without Nicoletta, I'm frightened. We are never bored with each other. She's very dever, a marvellous conversationalist and also a doctor in the natural sciences.

He almost sings her name: "Nicolettal She makes an enormous difference to my

Indeed, his relationship with Nicoletta Mantovani has created a difference to the lives of everyone around Pavarotti.

The family is engulfed in the kind of traumatic drama that would match any operatic plot, as intense as any role the world's best-known tenor has performed

tant, has replaced Adua, his former business manager and wife of 35 years, as his prima donna. Now Pavarotti's three daughters — Lorenza, 35, Cristina, 33, and Giuliana. 30 — are a little anxious about their roles as supporting players.

The singer's hardcore fans, so at ease

over the years with a well-loved cast, talk of little else but the winds of change in the life of their beloved Luciano. Pavarotti met Nicoletta four years ago

when she was a student, working briefly as a hostess at Pavarotti's annual horse show in his native Modena. of a local government finance officer and a

bank manageress from Bologna? He shrugs helplessly: "All I can tell you is that from the first day, I trust her. Intuitively, I Anyway, she soon became indispens-

able to him and joined his travelling entourage as his assistant. Before I met Nicoletta it was not a good time. I had a smiling face, but inside I was not happy. I was surrounded by people but I was lonely, and the worst loneliness of all is in

He stares at the mobile phone again. willing it to ring. When it does, we both jump, and then rapture lights up his face.

The large hody visibly relaxes and I can almost feel the stress evaporating. After a short conversation in Italian, he beams happily: "Now I'm calling the mother and father I may be a short to the stress of the large stress."

Before the large stress and I can almost stress feel the stress of the large st to tell them she has landed."

He cups his hands over the phone and whispers conspiratorially: "They are both yourger than me, you know."

While he talks. I recall a conversation I had moments before in the lobby of the sumptuous Hotel Vesuvio in Naples, where Pavarotti is performing Nemorino in Don-

izetti's L'Elisir D'Amore. A Frenchwoman had noticed me reading an old Pavarotti newspaper clipping and leant forward to ask if she could have a copy. She and her five friends follow Pavarotti around the world, attending every concert and every opera. The maestro knows them and meets them at stage doors, although it is Nicoletta who spends time talking to

"I've told Nicoletta that I am the same age as Adua and that I've lost my husband to a woman of her age," the woman confides. "She is very sympathetic, but I think she is a young woman who knows what she wants. But who can blame her? What a man! Those hands, that voice and those eyes. I love him!"

eally? Sitting across a dining table in Pavarotti's suite (once home to Enrico Caruso). I note home to Enrico Caruson the lacklustre black hair lying flar across his scalp, the result of constant hair dye. And, once more, the sheer size of him. As he slowly pads around the room, it seems like a painful exercise.

I also note an armchair standing on a 2ft platform, obviously constructed to alleviate the discomfort of lowering himself to ordinary chair level. Excitable, easily distracted, there are many plots being hatched in his head, although he gives the impression of a kindly archduke

in command of his court. Bonhomie positively bubbles from each pore of his golden skin. This week he appears in London and Birmingham, singing Verdi's Requiem, and says: "Oh England, England. I'm proud to perform there, an honour

l ask how Nicoletta copes with her new life, with his life, the constant touring, the adulation. After all, she hasn't taken on only a man, but an institution. I only



Luciano Pavarotti: "Nicoletta makes an enormous difference to my life. Without her, I'm frightened. We are never bored with each other. She's very clever, a marvellous conversationalist"

wish she were here so she could tell you four or five years. He has to train his easy. She and my daughters have still not adapted to each other. I am sorry for all of them. It's very difficult, very, very hard. What can I do?" He opens his hands in another gesture of helplessness.

'My daughters are like my mothers. Daddy do this! Daddy do that! I'm their little boy. I'm always the boy inside."

His smile disappears when I mention the death of his friend, Diana, Princess of Wales. When I look up from my pad, his head is resting on his arms and, after a long, melancholy moan, he lifts his face to betray red eyes and tears coursing down

Later, when calmer and distracted by other calls, I ask about Adua, his

'Before

I met

Nicoletta

I was not

happy

inside'

abandoned wife. He stiffens and looks into the distance. Perhaps, I suggest, it is easier for men to close one door and walk through another to embrace a new life. But, after all,

it was 35 years.
"We had closed the door already, so it was not like that with us," he says. "We closed it together many years ago, and it wasn't only my decision. We were never together."

Does he feel guilty? "No, I do
not feel guilt. We have been

separated for a long time." Then why, after Pavarotti's public announcement of his love for Nicoletta, had Adua written an open letter to a newspaper in which she described, rather touchingly, the great man's need for the sustenance of a tested relationship? Especially in the future, during those sunset years when the spotlight eventually shuts

He examines his nails for a long time before replying: "Even though I was not happy with my life in that area, I was not looking for love. I believe in fate.

"How else can I explain the way I live now? With Nicoletta, we rise late when I am performing because I never go to bed before three. Then I have the gymnastics. Then lunch. We never go out during the day, either, because it's too cold - for the voice you understand - or because I'm going to be recognised.
"Yet there is another part of me that

likes to play the great patriarch. Like today, when I have ten members of my family around me for lunch. I love that, too. Maybe because I was brought up surrounded by people. "I'm the first boy to be born in my building for decades, so throughout my

childhood I am surrounded by love,

praise, attention, from parents, grandparents - even great grandparents, because they were only 58 when I was born. I wish all children were blessed with such riches. How privileged I was to have such a foundation, and such audiences. Throughout my life I've had an audience. When I was four, I jumped up on the kitchen table and said. I'm a little tenor like my daddy', and sang La Donna e

Mobile from Rigoletto. But it was my mother who recognised the voice. When I was studying to be a gymnastics teacher, my mother say to my father. forget about the teaching, he'll lose

From 1955 to 1961, I studied with Arrigo Pola and then Ettore Campo-

These names are so important he writes them down to avoid spelling mistakes. Like many gifted people, he is neither dazzled nor surprised by the heights he

he voice was given to be appreciated, and he seems quite accepting of the phenomenon that is Luciano Pavarotti. He never sings for pleasure, never during family gatherings - and certainly never in the

"Are you making a joke?" he asks, astonished, and pointing to his throat adds: "This is work."

What makes him special, he'll tell you, is his ability to reach out, to make his emotions felt at the back of the From his first significant performance

in Liberty. Missouri, he knew this to be the case. "God gave me a quality that reaches out to the masses, from that first concert with 400 to the 300,000 in Hyde "I was never looking for fame, never

jumping out in front of someone, not even now when I'm performing with the three tenors [with Placido Domingo and Jose Carreras]. I'm not ambitious like that." What about money? "For these past 15 vears I've been making money, but I give

much of it away. From every concert, I give something to charity. Let me describe what money means to me. I'm here at the Vesuvio, one of the prizes I give to myself, where I can sit at the open windows on a hot day and look out at the Bay of Naples, at the people walking past Like my apartment in New York when I sit at the window overlooking over the city. Money makes living in prison pleasurable. To be famous is to be a prisoner. Always! You understand?"

The way I look," he says sadly, "you don't forget me. I'm a chubby boy." He pushes the chair back from the table and gazes down at his body in a way that stirs

Does he have to look like this? He has a dietician in his entourage, and Nicoletta, who constantly pleads for him to eat less. "I've lost ten kilos, but I have to lose more. I didn't always look like this. I used to be an arhiete, a footballer, strong, you have to be in order to be a tenor. Muscles like this, I had." He flexes his upper arms. "When I stopped playing football I didn't stop being greedy. I kept eating the same amount. That's when the trouble started. I'm not dysfunctional, I was just greedy,

These days I don't think I eat very much. I'm not crazy for sweets or fat, I don't drink wine. I have some pasta, with a little olive oil, some tomatoes, cheese."

He shakes his head, apparently bewildered by the circumstances that have trapped him within his unwieldy frame. God gave me luck, health, a voice and certain intelligence. But if I could live my life over again, there is one thing I would change. I would want to be able to eat less." Pavarotti will sing Verdi's Requiem at the Royal Festival Hall. London, on December 17

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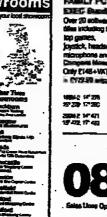
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The quarrel lay with Fletcher Christian. David Lean saw him as Lawrence of the Pacific After some research I sadly concluded that Christian, my fellow Cumbrian, was a brat.

One of Lean's strengths was his clarity of vision, especially his vision about his heroes - and all his films are about heroes, usually British, men of qualities now thought comical if recognised at all. Perhaps his idealisation of the particular sort of plucky, stiffupper-lip, enduring handsome, honourable English hero was not unlike his inner vision of himself. For whatever reason he loved heroes, especially those who loved life, as he did, and he saw Christian as one of those.

He had recently spent years in the islands of the South Pacific with the young woman who was to become Mrs Lean No 5. And when he talked about it there was no doubt that he adored it. Those islands were beauty, harmony, sex, space and the perfect place for a new Lean hero.

Why David Lean's vision was not Christian

view of the mutiny on the Bounty and in particular his love for Christian. It was Christian's falling in love both with the islands and the girl which had captured Lean's obsessive attention and in that sense the film we were supposed to make together was autobiographical. This, more than anything, explained why he was prepared to risk a third production of the Mutiny film, and ambitious to do it as two two-hour feature-

Alas, when I got to work, Christian did not stand up to Lean's ideal. He was rather an over-indulged puppy from an influential well-connected Cumbrian family, and socially a cut above Captain Bligh. Bligh did the 20-year-old a fatal favour — motivated as much by social as by nautical considerations, I believe - and

length movies.

When we met he described his appointed him above his experience in a crew whose average age verged on 18. Bligh himself was a grand old man of 30.

The extreme youth of the majority of the crew intrigued me. I thought a fresh view could be made out of that. And the class business was always intriguing. We had to have something new, I thought, and as I did my research I made two "discoveries"

The first was that Bligh was not the sadistic, lashing captain of legend. He was in fact outstand-ingly careful with his crews, introducing rations which eliminated scurvy and regular exercise on board which soon became the norm in the British Navy. He was also a brilliant navigator eclipsed, if at all, in English naval history only by Captain Cook, his mentor.

The reason for his black reput-



Christian's friends and family. They knew that as Christian had led the mutiny then should the English Navy capture him and bring him back to England he would certainly be hanged. Their only hope lay in mitigating cir-cumstances. The way through, as they saw it, was to blacken Bligh and this they did by bribery and trickery and the bending of wit-nesses. Bligh's darkness meant that there could be some light for Christian should he return:

So Christian became the martyred youth, the golden boy goaded beyond measure. Thus he sailed through history and into legend and on to the screen with Bligh as

the stage villain. Christian was distorted too in this legend. After the mutiny he set Bligh and many of his young shipmates on a tiny boat which: gave them a mockery of a chance of survival. Only Bligh's brilliance took the boat across 4,000 miles of open ocean with only six days rations and no men lost.

not at first return to Tahiti and to his "love" but, running scared, he went to another island where he slaughtered the natives (whom Bligh always treated with respect). built a stockade and then lost his nerve and ran back to Tahiti to loot provisions and women.

By then he had decided to found a little kingdom where the British Navy would never discover him. This he did and burnt his boat so that it could neither be seen nor used for escape by men increasingly rest-less with his command. In his little kingdom civil and then racial war

began within a few months.

What a story. I could hardly wait
to spill it all out to Lean. His reaction went from eager anticipation to despair, to gloom and then to anger.

worst result of all - a compromise. He could not relinquish his beautiful Christian. I would not relinquish my radical break with the cosmetic version. For weeks we went through the scenes, me darkening them. Lean lightening them; me pointing to Armageddon. Lean aiming for some kind of Paradise. In the end we parted company and he wrote his final version, I mine. Neither was

After a year or so we met again and became firm friends for the last years of his life. We never mentioned the Bounty. Sometimes I wonder why I just did not give in. Did it matter so much? Could I not have found a way to say "based on" or called it The Legend of the

And yet, how wonderful that other film, the real story, could have been. Lean could have stepped over a barrier, as Olivier did when he went across to the Royal Court to do The Entertainer, and, like Olivier, he could have

Look out behind you, panto

tions of Gilbert 8 Sullivan will not be offering seasonal work to former cricketers or Gladiators down to their last net and trident, but sprightly revivals like this by Ian Talbot provide merrier mid-winter entertainment than panto ever does. Differences between the two forms are many, but so are the similarities: young lovers beset by problems, villains with a sense of humour. and a contralto matron who generally sorts out the plot. Of course, the imperial difference is that G&S created the best theatrical songs ever to flow from British pens.

This production at the West Yorkshire Playhouse is the late Joseph Papp's reworked version that enjoyed recordbreaking runs on Broadway and at Drury Lane in the early 1980s. Words and running order remained the same, but zippier staging and zappier orchestration broke away from the decorously 19th-century traditions of D'Oyly

The Playhouse orchestra runs to only eight players, but three of these are percussion instrument. This gives us the zap. Paul Farnsworth's seaside set introduces the zip, with rounded dunes like heaps of demerara and blue rotating screws beyond them to suggest the rolling waves. Gulls hang poised in midflight, replaced by black bats for the ruined chapel scene of the second act.

The role of Pirate King often corners the reviews, but aithough Jeremy Harrison brings strength of voice to his singing the character needs a more muscular dash. Amusingly frumpish daughters of the Major-General (Paul Bentley) flutter nimbly; Audrey Palmer's grey-haired Ruth, the piratical maid-of-all-work, embraces young Frederic where Gilbert would never have permitted. The chorus staging by Gillian Gregory is admira-ble and when pirates and police stamp on (with cat-like tread) the effect is hilarious.

But the young lovers provide the occasion's great joy. Mark Umbers in, astonishingly, his professional debut, possesses heroic stature, can suggest transparent honesty. articulates his vowels with model clarity, and shows a sense of the ridiculous that avoids archness.

affect on susceptible women. it is his turn to gulp and raise his eyes aloft when Lucy Quick's enchanting Mabel fills the seaside air with her soorano trills. Together they form the serio-cornic centre of a cheering evening.

JEREMY KINGSTON



Paul Bentley, as the Major-General, surrounded by his daughters (the unselfish Mabel, played by Lucy Quick, is far right)

TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR LAST

Not for the faint of heart

PERHAPS it is my fault, perhaps Wait Disneys; but when I think of the story of Snow White I think mainly of a cute septet of mannions stomping across the screen cheerily chanting an ode to work. I had forgotten that the envious stepmother asks a huntsman to gouge out the heroine's lungs and liver, and, thinking she possesses them, settles down to a nice dish of casseroled stepdaughter. At the Young Vic, Leo Wringer, one of several actors who traverses the sexes during the evening, is still eagerly licking the bowl when Thusitha Jayasundera's Snow White is being feted by seven grotesque

Three years ago the director Tim Supple brought a robust imagination to bear on what, thanks to Carol Ann Duffy's adaptations, proved to be remarkably authentic extracts from the Grimm archives. Now the same pair has returned to the same source with much the same success. Maybe the result is not always suitable for those of very young years or notably nervous disposition. But those who relish strange and won-derful stories told with a refreshing disregard for contemporary squeamishness should have a terrific time.

Supple and Duffy have made an offbeat choice of tales. Rumpelstiltskin is there, as is Little Red-Cap, complete MIN ANGV WILLIAMS'S SAUME ing wolf smugly accoutred in donkey jacket, dungarees and big smirk. But so is The Musicians of Bremen, in which a vagrant donkey, cat, dog and rooster evict some robbers from their own house. and a story that ends with Dan Milne's swaggering hare bested in a race by homely but



wily hedgehogs. It is a good evening for underdogs, underhedghogs and underpeople not least when the title-character of Brother Scamp outwits a long-suffering St Peter, who has given him a bag into which he can magic anything he wants — including, as the saint did not foresee, his own body over the pearly gates into Heaven.

This curious tale comes out of the dark ages of folklore and the darker forests of the human mind, including as it does a scene in which Scamp tries incettly to copy Peter, who has raised a dead princess by boiling her limbs white, laying them by her truncated torso. and then incanting prayers over them. Here, shamanism blends with Christian symbolism. Here, too, Supple achieves plenty with mini-mum props and maximum appeal to the audience's imagination.

A filleted wolf with a rock instead of a granny stitched into its tummy, animals' eyes hurled across the stage, etc. etc: Supple's inventiveness and/or nerve falter only at the end of Rumpelstiltskin, when the Grimms report that the thwarted goblin got in such a "ne jore nimseli in two' Linda Kerr Scott's splendidly bony, clattering Rumpel could screech louder and self-destruct more spectacularly. But that apart, More Grimm Tales is a quirky, gory

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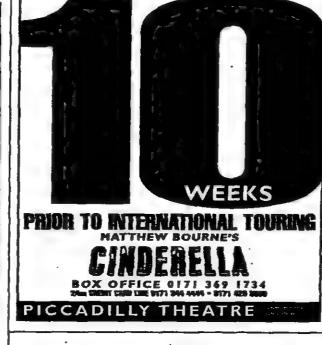


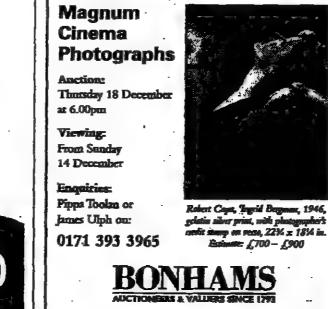
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Journeys without maps

ROBERT FRIPP, the founder and leader of King Crimson, made his first stage announcement for 1312 years last Thursday, or so he claimed. He was about to explain to his Juzz Cafe audience that Projeket One, a line-up comprising King Crimson stalwarts Bill Bruford, Tony Levin and Trey Gunn, had been convened as one of several, "sub-group, research and development projects", its function being to generate new ideas for use in future incarnations of King

Crimson proper.

Unfortunately, the maestro had only just begun to cast forth his pearls when there was a genial shout from the swine in front of him. Fripp immediately spun on his heal and without environ another. and, without saying another word, returned to his stool.

It was a pity that the guitarist's prickly nature did not permit him to relax and savour more fully the mood of adventure that was abroad during this entirely improvised show. Sitting in front of his amplification rack-cumspaceship console, his feet gingerly moving this way and that amid a thicket of foot pedals, he conjured high, infinitely sustaining notes or quick, staccato shards of distorted noise, yet seemed oddly aloof and, at times, semidetached from the action.

With no maps to follow, it tended to be Bruford who steered the combo from hehind his drum kit and tuned

ing the first number he and Levin, playing bass, launched into a fast, fractured funk rhythm. After negotiating many vertiginous breaks with apparent ease they eventually swept through to the finish as if they had practised it a hundred times before.

Gunn, meanwhile, confined himself to playing a stick, the thick-necked, stringed instrument with an extraordinary range of tones, from deep flatulent rumbles to a highpitched clarinet sound. A mixture of the cerebral

and the visceral, it was a literally unrepeatable performance, meandering at times, but laced with sufficient bursts of genius to stoke the fires for albums yet to come.

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Now it's Winnie the Wise

n his Anxious Pook Song (1926) Winnie-the-Pooh sang (or hummed): "Well, Pooh was a Bear of Enormous Brain! (Just say it again!)/Of enormous brain/Of enormous what?)/Well, he ate a lot." In 1997 he lived up to his own hum. The Enormous Brain is official. Pooh has become a guru. raildated now by a promotion titled The Wisdom of Pooh by the publishers Methuen. This brings together a dozen books originally published over the past 37 years (though one is now this pool). new this week). They reveal the Bear of Very Little Brain to be the conduit for all kinds of knowledge.

Pooh turns out to be an authority on the occult, astronomy and alchemy (in Pooh and the Ancient Mysteries, the newly published book), on the history of Western thought (Poah and the Philosophers), on Chinese philosophy (The Tao of Pooh and its companion volume The Ta of Pickers and the Philosophers). volume The Te of Piglet) and on business practice (Winnie-the-Pooh on Management and Winnie-the-Pooh on Problem-Solving). Mean-while, the sacred texts of Winniethe-Pook and The House of Pooh Corner are reinstated as seminal classical works in their Latin editions. Winnie Ille Pu and Domus

Why use Pooh thus? Is he merely a good stand-in for readers who don't know anything, as he can ask questions on their behalf? It all sounds, at first, like so much gimmick. On closer inspection, though, these books seem not to be Awful Mistakes, but rather Grand ideas. Several represent a life-long labour of love. And the authors have found strange connections by the serendipity of having two simultaneous obsessions: with the subjects of their own expertise and with Milne's bear.

Benjamin Hoff, for instance, the American author of The Tao of Pooh and The Te of Piglet, found himself citing Winnie-the-Pooh in a discussion about Western Taoism. With a flash of revelation, he identified a convincing correspondence between Pooh's state of just being, in a Contented Sort of Way, and the lessons of Taoism. By coincidence, it also happens that one of the important principles of Tao, the Uncarved Block, which has to do with not interfering with the natural state of things, is called Pu. Pooh, argues Hoff, is the epitome of Pu. John Tyerman Williams's two

projects. Pooh and the Philosophers and Pooh and the Ancient Myster-

Anguli Puensis.

ies, also arose out of an unexpected connection. He remarked that Tiger's search for breakfast exactly demonstrated Karl Popper's Princi-ple of Falsifiability. This defines a scientific statement as one that can be proved false by some test, just as the assertion that "Tigers like every-thing" is tested until it is proved that they only like Roo's medicine. After this observation, Williams

Business gurus and

philosophers find

A.A. Milne's bear

has all the answers,

says Nicolette Jones

Pooh and the

Ancient Mysteries

OHN TYERMAN WILLIAMS

chose to run with Pooh because of chose to run with the taking a his very unsuitability, taking a horoach. "It tongue-in-cheek approach. "It started as a joke," he says, but he admits that "within the limits of the absurdity of the thing" he found that philosophical interpretations of events in the book "leapt off the page" and "seemed legitimate". Roger Allen, the management

consultant from Washington State

who wrote Winnie-the-Pooh on Management and, with his son Stephen, Winnie-the-Pook on Prob-lem-Solving, had straightforward motives: Milne's characters — offi-cious Rabbit, entitusiastic Tiger and pessimistic Eeyore, for instance provided the recognisable types that management trainers love. Allen adds that Pooh, being "warm and fuzzy", is a comforting intermediary in a cruel world of down-sizing.

ow Pooh came to be in Latin is perhaps the most extraordinary story. Alexander Lenard, a Hungarian doctor, began by translating the Heffalump episode into Latin for the bored daughters of French mining engineers whom he was tutoring in Brazil. He then

the whole book, larding it with references from his classical education.

A.A.Milne & E.H.Shepard

a Swedish company agreed to print 2,000 copies if half could be given away. Its success prompted British and American editions and it sold 150,000 copies in five years and never stopped selling. All these authors had to gain

permission to publish from the Trustees of A.A. Milne's Estate, who have the right of veto. "They turned down more than they let through," says Elizabeth Stevens, who acts for the Trustees at the Curtis Brown literary agency. Pooh's guardians accept "clever and emertaining." ideas, but "wouldn't pass any treatment that was derogatory" to the bear. "Pooh is very well loved throughout the world, and has to be

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Roger E. Allen

treated with affection," says Stevens. Pooh as Bear of Positively Startling Brain is still in his ascendancy. Roger Allen's Winnie the Pooh on Success has just come out in the United States, and John Williams is writing Pooh and the Psychologists. Then there is the tide of books of recipes, bon mots and exercise tips that portray Pooh as the ursine answer to Elizabeth David, Oscar Wilde and Mr Motivator.

Winnie-the-Pooh

on Management

A.A. Milne's original classic, the "how to succeed in business" bear about town; and, for a classicist with an incurable penchant for nursery fables, the epic Latin translation Tell the Grown-Ups, describes Pooh as both child and hero. (It is Pooh who rescues Roo and Piglet, and

The changing faces of Winnie the Pooh.

From the left the

occuir Pooh:

WINNIE-THE-POOH

discovers the North Pole.) Perhaps this is why he's a great teacher. He makes us feel that we can be dim and greedy but still get there in the end. As Piglet says: "Pooh hasn't much Brain, but he never comes to any harm. He does silly things and they turn out right."





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Dream staging for early Britten

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the same again. The first British production was given in 1976 by the English Music Theatre, and since then it has mainly been revived by student or semiprofessional groups. Hearing the ROH Orchestra and Terry Edwards's magnificent chorus

Paul Bunyan Snape Maltings

sinking their collective teeth into the score was a revelation: it took on an epic dimension essential to the subject-matter of the legendary lumberjack who cleared the virgin forests and made possible a sort of American Dream - the wholesomeness of it all (only glancing mention of the Indians who also had to be cleared) set off by words of warning in Auden's libretto.

Suddenly Peter Grimes (1945) wasn't the unheralded flash of lightning we have taken it for: Britten's uncanny

skill at musico-dramatic for- Her opening image of meltmulae was aiready there, in Buryan's great folling tunes. tive instrumentation, above all in the way he used music to arouse feeling in his listeners. The voiceover melodrames for the unseen protagonist (powerfully declaimed by Kenneth Cranham) are masterpieces of

compositional craft. It would be impossible to fault Friday's first night. Richard Hickox brought the same fervent advocacy to his con-ducting as he had to Vaughan Williams's Pilgrim's Progress. and the producer Francesca Zambello neatly avoided all traps set in her path while ensuring that her lumberjacks were closer to the fishermen in Grimes than to Monty Python.

ing-pot chorus dominated by Pilgrim Fathers established. poetry that was maintained throughout the evening. Bunyan is an ensemble

piece, but an ensemble led by such singers as Mark Padmore, Thomas Randle, Susan Gritton and Peter Coleman-Wright is quite some ensemble. The only problem was needless "ambient enhancement" (amplification to you and me), which muddled the words in the Maltings's resonant acoustics, but there should be no such problems in the dryer Shaftesbury Theatre, where Bunyan opens on Wednesday.

RODNEY MILNES | work adds little to our appreci-

HAVING saved some of Pro-koliev's weaker music for the final programme of its minifest devoted to the composer, the London Philharmonic rounded off the celebrations Maddalena. It may not have made an obvious finale, but the performance under the irrepressible and authoritative gady Rozhdestvensky

had all the conviction one could have hoped for. Maddalena was written when Prokofiev was 20, but out aside. It was not until the late 1970s that Edward Downes (present at this performance) completed the orchestration, enabling Rozhdestvensky himself to restore the piece to Russia. Even though the abrasive style of the closing bars points to-wards maturer Prokofiev, the

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CONCERT ation of the composer: much of its 50 minutes is spent in a sub-Straussian mode. -

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The setting, 15th-century Venice, is barely hinted at in the music, making the chorus of gondoliers something of a lost opportunity. At least the motifs are tautly worked out. Maddalena is a man-cating

beauty who skilfully sets her husband against her lover, and when the two men kill each other she wonders if she really loved either. Leading a cast of singers from the Kirov. the soprano Valentina Tsidipova sang the title role with

Prokofiev's masterpieces and one of the great violin concertos. Vadim Repin did it full

her customary opulence but was not on her best form.

Viktor Lutsiuk, a fluent and

idiomatic tenor, and Viktor

Chemomortsev, a dark-voiced

baritone, were vivid as the

men. The presence of singers

also enabled Rozhdestvensky

to include his orchestrations of

Prokofiev's early Five Poems,

At least we also heard the

Second Violin Concerto, one of

but they did not take flight.

justice on both counts. After an unsettled start the orchestra accompanied lightly, enabling Repin to weave the long breathed Romeo-anticipating melodies with ease. The slow movement had shiring simplicity, in contrast to the grim, darkly ambiguous dance of

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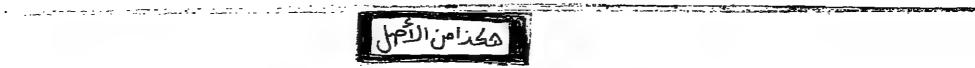
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Robin Cook on unfinished

business in the Balkans

selves - until this stain on

the past has been removed.

the basic building blocks of a

modern nation - currency,

passports, citizenship — still need to be put in place. We will

hold the new assembly and

government in the Bosnian Serb Republic to the same

standards of democracy as other Bosnian political insti-

Transparency: I have been

pressing for greater transpar-ency in Bosnia's public fi-

nances so that those who should pay tax do so, and

taxpayers know where their money is going. The European Union and World Bank have

recently produced recommen-dations for tackling these and

other problems. They need to

Free and independent

media: Bosnia needs a lively

media, free from government

control, across the whole country. People need information to

make choices, to promote dis-

cussion and debate. This is

essential and Britain has

helped with equipment and

All these issues will be

discussed at Bonn. If we can

get agreement to make progress we shall have moved

a significant way towards our

goal of creating a stable Bos-

nia which has turned the page

on the trauma of its recent

To keep up the momentum,

the Bonn conference needs to

reinforce the authority of the

international community's

High Representative in Sara-

ievo, Carlos Westendorp. He is

responsible for implementing

the civilian aspects of the

peace agreement. He has a

difficult task of breaking dead-

locks and driving the process

forward, but he has our full

The devastation it suffered

was incredible. But the experi-

ence of other countries in the

second half of the 20th century

Bosnia last week, our forces

should stay for the forseeable

future if others do. We are in

no doubt that a successor force

to SFOR, whose mandate ex-

pires next June, must similarly

be Nato-led, with the partici-

pation of all key allies whose

successful efforts have under-

pinned the progress towards peace since Dayton. When

Nato Defence Minsters met in

Brussels last Tuesday, they

commissioned work on a full

range of options.

But ultimately, reconcilia-

tion and a lasting peace for a

rebuilt Bosnia are not in our

gift. It is time for Bosnia's

leaders to deliver their side of

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to meet the challenge.

To one pretends that

Bosnia can be trans-

formed overnight.

be implemented.

Open and fair government:

lomorrow I shall be in Bonn to discuss Bosnia with Britain's partners including the United States, European Union members, Russia and international organisations — in the Peace Implementation Council set up as part of the Dayton

We shall be asking how far we have got in our efforts to bring about a lasting peace and what more we need to do to bring democracy and pros-perity. We want, ultimately, to enable Bosnia to play a full part in modern Europe.

We have a long way to go. Bosnia barely functions as a nation, let alone one able to deal on equal terms with the democracies of Europe. But, two years after the Dayton agreement which ended the conflict, our goal at last looks to be within reach.

At Bonn we will set targets for Bosnia's future. It is right to recognise the achievements to date in implementing the Dayton agreement: the end of the fighting: the establishment of a Bosnian assembly and other central bodies in which Bosnians, Serbs and Croats sit together, the holding of local elections; the reductions in the number of heavy weapons. But in all of this, most of the hard work to date has been done by the international community. We have kept, even sometimes exceeded, our part of the bargain. But what about those in Bosnia itself? The efforts of the international community cannot make up for the inactivity of Bosnia's leaders. We cannot play their part for them. My main hope for Bonn is that it will issue a wake-up call for Bosnia's

Too often they have been prepared to make progress only grudgingly, prodded into action by the international community. They must now live up to their responsibility to lead the Bosnian people into the modern world.

The Bonn conference will address four key areas where the Bosnian people deserve a

Human rights: 1.5 million refugees, within Bosnia or abroad, remain displaced. The authorities need to create the conditions in which people can return home and be fairly treated when they do; the ethnic cleansing which characterised the conflict in remains unnacceptable. Reconciliation depends on justice. That means suspected war criminals standing trial in The

Hague. We have made progress: British SFOR troops mounted a brave and successful operation in Prijedor in July. Ten Croat Indictees have been handed over to the International Tribunal in The Hague for fair trial.

The authorities in Bosnia and throughout the region must honour their legal obligation to hand over the remaining indictees. There will be no lasting peace, indeed there cannot be, until all the indictees are brought to justice. This obligation is a key part of Dayton; failure to comply will affect many other aspects of peace implementation, since the communities cannot be expected to live with each other - and with them-

question. It is the President of the United States, Bill Clinton. But the President cannot raise a tax, or pass a law, without first obtaining the consent of a second man, Newt Gingrich, the Speaker of the House of

Mr Gingrich is the second most powerful man in the United States, and therefore the second most powerful man in the world. Not only is he the leader of the Republican majority of the House of Representatives, but he created that majority. In 1994 he campaigned on the "Contract with America" he drafted it and all but one of the successful Republican candidates signed it. Most of the Contract with America is now part of American law. The Republican capture of the House in 1994 was the first such victory in more than 40 years.

Mr Gingrich was in London last week. I heard him speak three times, once on the *Today* programme, once at an off-the-record dinner given by Aron, the American oil company, and finally at a lunch in the Old Hall, Lincoln's Inn. given by the Institute of United States Studies of London University, with Baroness Thatcher in the chair. He got an off-the-record standing ovation at the off-the-record dinner; he was received with enthusiastic attention in Lincoln's Inn; whether he got a standing ovation in the Today studio I doubt, but there may have been a faint rattling of

earohones. There is no doubt that Newt Gingrich is an exceptional politician, in the United States or anywhere else. He is, to a reckless degree, a man of ideas. He is not engaged in the essentially boring business of polling public opinion in order to find out what people already think and then turning into soundbites what he finds that they believe. That, after all, is a

Gingrich comes to town with a timely, and unfashionable, restatement of Anglo-Saxon solidarity ho is the most powerful man in the world? We all know the answer to that

Trust Newt to think the unthinkable

performed by a computer just as well as by a human being; perhaps better. Mr Gingrich thinks his own thoughts, which tend to be both original and provocative, and then tries to persuade the electorate he is right. For this, he is admired and disliked to an almost equally high degree. In London he started saying the unthinkable by stating on the Today programme that in his view. "the Channel is wider than the Atlantic. American politicians are not supposed to say that nowadays. The politically correct view is that Britain belongs to Europe, that the United States of Europe is inevitable, that Old King Kohl is a merry old soul, and that American policy must be based on a three-legged stool of the United States, which is the longest leg. Europe, the middle length leg and Japan, the shortest leg. That is the geopolitical orthodoxy of Ameri-can policy, reinforced by the fact that Britain is known to contain large numbers of White Anglo-Samm Protestants, the most politically incorrect ethnic group in modern American

The great Newt not only expressed his heretical view on the Today programme, he reinforced it by his subsequent analysis. He observed that the United States found itself alone with the United Kingdom in its view of the "real" threat of Saddam Hussein. Most Americans know that this is so, but do not think it polite to

say it. He talked about political democracy being based on the Angio-United States philosophy, which be traced back to Magna Carta, and to the experience of Britain in the civil war of the 17th century. He believes that the Anglo-US model is one in which God lends power to the individual lends it to the State, but that the Continental model has a quite different basis. There it is the State which gets the divine right, and the individuals who do what the State tells them.

William Rees-Mogg

He has also observed that the British as well as the American economies are now working better than the those on the Continent. He is concerned at the levels of unemploy-ment in France and Germany, and is amazed at how little serious debate there has been. He asks whether this unemployment is cyclical or structural, and clearly believes it to be structural. In short, Newt Gingrich has observed things about the reliability of the Anglo-American relationship and the economic and political culture of the European Union which most American politi-

cians have preferred not to notice. Most of them share the French view of the future of Europe, which is strongly anti-American, rather than the Thatcherite view which is equally strongly pro-American. Newt Gingrich is pro-American.

The next battle Mr Gingrich will be fighting will be the mid-term Congressional elections of 1998. He is confident the Republicans will win again and that should give him a third term as a Republican Speaker of the House of Representatives. He will decide the Republican platform for these elections, and that will have a very strong influence on the platform for the presidential election in the year 2000. He might even then become the Republican candidate; he generates more new ideas to the minute than most of his rivals can generate in a year, though that is not necessarily an advantage. The possibility that he might become the next President of the United States will give him added strength in the 1998

Congressional elections.

As Speaker of the House, he intends to set new goals for the future of America. He is fascinated by the impact of new technology, and believes that the American lead in defence technology is still growing very rapidly, to the point at which the United States will have something close to a monopoloy of advanced defence capacity in the early years of

the next century.

He believes that Americans must

continue to accept the role of world leadership in order to control developments which could damage the United States and the rest of the

Mr Gingrich asks how the leading nations can best handle the challenges of the global economy in the information age. He believes that small is beautiful. He believes in downscaling the State. In peacetime he thinks that the United States government, at the federal and state levels, should not spend more than a quarter of the national income. He believes in low taxes, in low cost government and in encouraging small and medium-sized businesses. As businesses get larger, he considers that they become less able to innovate, slower moving and more bu-reaucratic He also thinks that government is, by an order of magnitude, less efficient than private

ast week, as he told us at Lincoln's Inn, Mrs Gingrich was making a routine purchase in Washington. She had to queue for three hours to buy what she vanted, though it cost, as I recall, £80. What was the purchase? It was her driving licence. In America, he said, we all live on two clocks; the private, which measures in seconds, and the government clock which

measures in quarters of an hour. Newt Gingrich is almost certain to win again in 1998. That victory, let alone a possible presidential victory for him or for his ideas in the year 2000, will reverberate across the Atlantic. If he could win on these ideas, our Conservatives will be looking very closely at them. His advice to them is to identify the problems, to name their goals, to say how they would try to attain them: they should leave the Government to make its own mistakes, if it does.

People who don't need people

Buzz words are

disguising real

Labour

successes, says

Peter Riddell

The Government is in danger of being taken less seriously than it deserves to be. The obsession with presentation is overshadowing substance. This feeds silly claims that it is all public relations froth and little substance. There is, in fact, plenty of substance. But you be forgiven for noticing just

suggests that it can be done, if people want it, and if there is visionary leadership prepared No initiative can be made without a media visit — a rundown estate, a No country since the end of the Second World War has school, hospital, a pensioner couple. Last Friday the Prime Minister had as much hands-on enpopped up at Waterloo station to gagement from the internalaunch the logo for the British tional community as Bosnia. At Bonn we will show that presidency of the European Union. and today and tomorrow there will be there is a determination to similar "events" to launch the social finish the job, though it will be exclusion unit and the NHS White a long haul. The UK is Paper. Parliament seldom gets a look, since it is not regarded as a prepared to stay the distance. As Tony Blair made clear in

media-friendly venue.

These policies are important and the events are well orchestrated. They reflect an American, presidential approach, as admittly practised by Bill Clinton, of using the authority of his office to present new initiatives in non-political surroundings. This is a gitimate marketing tool.

What irritates me is the underlying attitude, the attempt to take the politics out of the inherently political. That is typified by the use of the word people". This provides a favourably populist cloak over any Government idea. We have the "people's lottery" (to cover the diversion of some proceeds into Government programmes), a "people's Europe", and, worst of all, the "people's priorities", a term that Gordon Brown used twice in his Pre-Budget Statement. The Chancellor is far too intelligent not to realise that this is claptrap. Ministers had decided to reallocate money to



help pensioners and to encourage childcare in ways that they believe will be popular. These are Labour's

priorities, not the people's. The risk is that slogans distort the substance. The approving headlines which Mr Brown no doubt relished obscured the significance of what he is attempting on welfare reform. The Government is trying to transform the debate on poverty and unemployment by providing incentives and other bridges into work. Some build on what the Major Government began, but, even if some of the details are arguable, the scale is much larger and the political impetus is greater. This is why Wednesday's threatened revolt by Labour MPs over single-parent benefits is so symbolically important. It is not only a test of the

tight spending limits but also reflects

clash of philosophies. Welfare to Work versus raising benefits.

It would also be wrong to dismiss the social exclusion unit as merely another taskforce. It represents a genuine attempt to cut across depart-mental boundaries to see what state agencies can do, Working together, to tackle alienation and disorder on inner-city estates. That ties in with the proposals in the Government's schools Bill last week for education action zones in deprived areas to raise

This adds up to an impressive social agenda. But it is not helped by gimmicky gestures or by pretending that these plans do not involve higher taxes. Mr Brown has raised taxes substantially, often in perverse ways.

For instance, any long-term policy for elderly people, as will probably be recommended by the new Royal Commission, is likely to stress the desirability of higher savings so people can afford private provision to reduce the burden on the State. But the Chancellor has made that much harder through the dividend tax on pension funds, the muddled proposals on individual savings accounts (which could reduce savings) and the end of tax relief for the elderly on medical insurance. This is partly because of his populist reluctance to tax directly — for instance by broadening the range of VAT or by raising

These pressures are underlined by the debate over public spending. Each department has now had an initial round of talks with the Treasury as part of the comprehen-

sive spending review, and ministers have just received a letter from Alistair Darling, the Chief Secretary, asking them to prepare plans on the assumption that they will receive no increase above exising planned bud-gets for the rest of the parliament. It is no coincidence that Derry Irvine, chairman of the Cabinet's future legislation committee, is also on the public spending committee.

One of the criteria for obtaining a slot in the next legislative programme is whether a Bill saves expenditure or produces more revenue. (Mr Blair has, incidentally, limited sympathy for complaints by ministers about Lord Irvine's "not-suffer-foois" style since he had to suffer the same as the Lord Chancellor's pupil more than

: The same contrast between glitz and substance applies over Europe. Despite all the fuss and effort going into the British presidency in the first half of next year, it is unlikely to make much difference. The really important event of 1998 is the German elections in the early autumn. Nothing is going to happen on reform of the Common Agricultural Policy or the EU Budget until afterwards. The Blair Government has achieved a greater influence in the EU than its divided predecessor, not least because other countries have been impressed by the scale of its victory.

ut the symbolic European event last week was not the unweiling of the childrens' loop on Friday, but the logo on Friday, but the earlier rebuff to Britain's desire to joing the Eurox group of single-currency participants. While a fudge may be worked out at the Luxembourg summit later this week, Mr Blair's aspirations for a leading British role in Europe will mean little while Britain stands outside monetary union.

The paradox of this Government is that it is building a record of substance despite all the presenta-tional razznatazz. Mr Blair has a good eye for what he calls the big picture. He should concentrate on that rather than "new Labourspeak" vacuities like the "people's priorities", the "Giving Age" and the "young

Clear lead

the bargain.

BY investing millions in this country, Jackie Stewart is showing how spurious is the Government's argument that Formula One deserves to be excluded from a tobacco advertising ban. Britain's greatest motor racing champion, who receives no cigarene sponsorship, is moving his racing operations to larger premises and expanding his workforce in Milton Keynes. The Government justified its Formula One U-turn last month by saying that if the sport were unable to raise millions from tobacco advertising it would "emigrate" to

the Far East at the cost of thousands of jobs. In an effort to produce a worldbeating racing team, Stewart is moving his backroom boys and manufacturing base to a building almost twice as large as his present premises. He is also planning to expand his workforce from 160 to 250 by the end of next year. "It shows my confidence in British technology. After all, this is the world capital of motoring sports," he says. "You can certainly build up a racing team without cigarette

advertising on the car." Soon after Tony Blair went back on his election manifesto pledge to ban tobacco advertising, Peter Mandelson wrote a newspaper article justifying the decision. Britain makes 80 per cent of the cars and employs roughly 50,000 people in connected industries," argued the silver-tongued Minister With-



No smoke: Mandy, Stewart

out Portfolio. "To lose any significant part of the industry would be disastrous." The motor racing industry has now been given eight years to wean itself off tobacco: perhaps it should learn a few tips from Stewart.

Fair's fare

1 AM pleased to hear that at 92 Lord Longford remains as deter-



mined as ever not to water down his beliefs, even against over-whelming odds. The earl, who has campaigned valiantly for the re-lease of Myra Hindley, arrived last Friday by taxi outside Wandsworth prison for a visit. When told the fare was £12, Lord Longford expressed surprise, pointing out the last time he had been dropped at: the prison he had been charged E7. The driver and I had an altercation," he recalls. "Then we reached a compromise." The good earl handed over no more than £7.50.

Joyless rider

RATHER esoterically, the causes of crime are an issue that concerns Padraig Flynn as the European Commissioner for social affairs. But last week he experienced the

real thing: his £100,000 S-class Mercedes became the victim of a carjacking a week after he had tak-The robbery happened shortly

after Flynn had been dropped off by his driver in dreary old Brussels. As the chauffeur headed home, an assailant held a gun to his head, ordered him out and then got behind the steering wheel. It was the last that was seen of the gleaming, dark blue model. Wait r the launch of an EU-inspired crackdown on carjacking.

● FOR once Ian Greer has some thing to celebrate. The lobbyist, who was dragged into the cash for questions imbroglio, caught sight of an evening newspaper billboard last week yelling "Fayed faces £10 million claim". Greer bought the poster and now has it hanging on his office door.

Sits. Vac.

MY latest bulletin on former Con-servative MPs who are finding it hard to adjust involves David Nicholson. Once the representative of the good people of Taunton, he has since found employment in Tom King's office acting as a researcher, a job usually assigned to aspiring twentysomethings. Now, I

hear, his attempts to strike out in a new direction have met with disappointment. Nicholson tells me he sent off his credentials to Charles St George, managing director of PPS, a lobbying company, but with stiff opposition from his former colleagues, he failed to win the appointment, worth £28,000 per annum. Any openings I hear of shall be promptly forwarded.

Glitter's fortunes is good news for that other Seventies pop icon, Slade's Noddy Holder. Filming



clapboard. The unfortunate blip in Gary

Camera shy LINDA McDOUGALL, the tele-

vision producer, fears she has landed her husband, Austin Mitchell MP, in a spot of trouble with the Serjeant at Arms's office at Westminster. While making Westminster Women, a documentary about female MPs launched tomorrow, she exploited fully the Commons pass issued to her as a Member's wife. McDougall gained access to parts of the building that had been banned to cameras in perpensity.

For six months she gained onscreen exclusives by creeping around, ducking behind statues or waiting until the most fearsome. characters in the Serjeant at Arms's office had left. "They say no for no good reason." she says. "Their aim is to keep people out. But I want to reveal things." Let's hope the powers at be do not come down heavily on poor Austin.



INES de la Sressange is suffering from ennui. The former Chanel supermodel, above, is fed up with Paris and wants to spend more time in Cool Britannia, "I'd love to open a shop in London but no one's asked me yet," she purrs. The whole social thing in Paris is totally fake. It's all so stiff there. No one knows how to have a good time - 1 much prefer London, where people know how to party."

JASPER GERARD



MIDDLE-CLASS INTEREST

Welfare should be a safety net not an entitlement

To reform welfare, as Tony Blair has promised to do, you have to go back to first principles. What, ministers should ask, is the social security system designed to do? Like a rock long eroded and covered with barnacles, it is virtually unrecognisable from its early days. Stripping away the accretions that have gathered over the past few decades could help to reveal a more rational design.

As the nation has become richer and healthier, government spending on benefits has risen in real terms, faster than the economy as a whole. This explains why it is worth looking afresh, as the Treasury and the Social Security Department are doing, at the underpinnings of the structure. The new rule of thumb, it seems, will be that welfare should be seen as a safety net rather than an entitlement, taking it back to the real

meaning of "social security". If this ethos is applied to individual benefits, it becomes clear that, for instance, disability payments should be taxed. Those disabled people who were unable to earn money would still be as well off as before. But those who have an alternative source of

income clearly need less from the State. The same reasoning should apply to the universal state pension, which is paid at the same level to rich and poor alike. The pension was introduced at a time when life expectancy after retirement was just a few years, and in which hardly anybody had any other retirement income. Now the elderly can expect to live for 20 years or so after finishing work - and a large proportion of them have occupational or private pensions. Should the State really be paying billions of pounds a year to them when the money could go to a more deserving cause?

If means-testing were introduced for pensions, there would be a chorus of complaint that the system was meant to be contributory - those who had paid their "stamps" all their working life expected something back in return. Yet the "insurance" element of national insurance has long been little more than a charade. These revenues do not cover the cost of the social security budget and the only reason that they have not been subsumed into general income tax is because it would look as if the basic rate had

risen by nine percentage points.

There would also be a largely synthetic uproar about the "indignity" of means-testing. But taxpayers have their means tested every year by the Inland Revenue and that is seen as part of the responsibility of being a citizen. If taxes and benefits could be merged, at least for pensioners, whose income does not vary in the course of the year, then means-testing could be done in a

perfectly dignified way.
Universal child benefit and pensions used to be seen as the cement that kept the middle classes supporting the welfare state. But that was in the days when no professional person ever expected to be unemployed: job insecurity was for the working classes. Now that bankers, accountants and architects are as likely to lose their jobs as shipbuilders, miners and steelworkers, each has an equal stake in the "security" aspect of the system. These days anyone might find themselves claiming help for unemployment. The middle classes do not need a bribe on top.

Moreover, from what the Government seems to be planning, their reward would be the release of more money for public services such as education and health. The reason why the Treasury is desperate to rein in spending on social security is that it takes money away from more constructive spending. Under the Conservatives, public expenditure as a percentage of national income did not fall, but the proportion going on social security rose sharply at the expense of spending on public services.

So politically, the Government has a strong card, even if the individual arguments about each benefit turn out to be fierce. As long as ministers are careful to protect the poor from penury, they should feel free to take an axe to middle-class benefits. But in return, they must deliver results where they matter: in the public services upon which almost all of us depend.

HOPE FOR CHRISTMAS

With your help, prostate cancer can be conquered

Among the most exciting of recent discoveries have been the genes that control the development of some cancers. Identifying them offers no instant cures, but for the first time it does provide a true understanding of the origins and development of the diseases nev cause. From such understanding better treatments and maybe even cures will ultimately come. This year, as part of its Christmas Charity Appeal, The Times is asking its readers to give generously to a project which will turn the spotlight on to a cancer long neglected, but one that takes the lives of 11,000 men in Britain every year.

Cancer of the prostate has been too much ignored. A cynic has remarked that if the prostate were a female organ, we would never hear the last of it. That wry comment is both a tribute to the readiness of women to campaign vigorously for research into cancers of the breast and womb, and a comment on men's reluctance to discuss any intimate matter with anybody, let alone their doctor. The taboos that still surround prostate cancer, combined with the tendency of doctors to dismiss it as "an old man's disease", have done its sufferers no favours.

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The numbers involved are large: some 16,000 new cases every year. As the population ages, this may be expected to increase. By 2018, the Institute of Cancer Research estimates, one in every four men can expect to contract prostate cancer. The causes are complex, but almost certainly involve a combination of genetic predisposition and environmental influence, either in the diet or

at the workplace. Thanks to the huge strides made by molecular genetics, it is at last possible to contemplate teasing out these twin factors, leading to effective screening and better treatments.

Research is expensive, and research into male cancers has been or Compared with the £16 million spent annually in Britain on breast cancer research, a mere El million is spent on male cancers. Our readers, generous as they may be, cannot be expected to make good that shortfall, but this year's appeal gives them a chance of helping one of Britain's outstanding cancer laboratories to identify the prostate cancer gene. The Institute of Cancer Research needs a gene sequencer for its Sutton laboratory to speed the analysis of samples being provided by more than 100 hospitals.

This is a very good cause, at a moment of great opportunity in medicine. Many of today's successful drugs were based on inspired guesswork; the vaccines that have conquered so many infectious diseases were the result of luck at least as much as knowledge. If medicine could achieve so much with only partial knowledge, how much more will be possible when nature's secrets are laid bare? To put it another way, most of the easy triumphs are behind us. To conquer cancer will need a lot more than guesses. Only the best efforts of many researchers. working in collaboration, will be enough. We have the men and women: what they need are the tools to do the job. By giving generously, we can help provide them.

A FAMOUS DRAW

On the field as in life, fortune favours the bold

A drawn game is seldom a satisfactory result. The simulated war of sport is for winness and losers. But those who sat in the stands, at Twickenham on Saturday, or watched the match on television, or even heard about it afterwards are saying that England's draw with the All Blacks was a memorable event. A score of 26-26 is a mammoth draw, about the highest ever scored at this level. It enters the calendar of great sporting occasions as one of the most exciting matches ever played. Both teams deserved to win, and neither deserved to lose. So the draw was the right result.

But like all such sporting sensations, it came as a bolt from the clouds. Before the match nobody had given England a prayer - not the press, nor the public, nor the realistic professionals. One bookmaker gave New Zealand odds of 33-1. The All Blacks wanted to end their northern campaign with a whitewash of 12 victories in the year, taking revenge for not having beaten England by more than 25-8 at Old Trafford a fortnight ago and confirming their claim to be the best team in the world.

It seemed impossible that they could lose. The crowd looked forward to gallant defence by England against overwhelming odds. Twickenham is used to that plot. But after five minutes little David Rees started from his own ten metre line, chipped over giant Jonah Lomu, gathered his own kick-ahead at full speed, brushed aside an attempted tackle by the great Zinzan Brooke, and squirmed through two human torpedo

tackles to score in the corner. That was a sensational enough start for fiction. But after 15 minutes England had scored two more tries to go 17-3 up. It was the most stunning opening attack by underdogs that international rugby has ever seen.

It was written in the script that the All Blacks would come roaring back after the humiliations of the first half. They did, with the fluid, fast, relentless 15-man rugby that is their trademark. And when they scored two typical tries and took the lead for the first time, it looked like another heroic England defeat. But it was England who came back for the last ten minutes and deserved to snatch a draw from the jaws of defeat.

This match was an exhibition for the hard new game of professional rugby union. England played the New Zealand game of constant attack with ball in hand at speed across the whole width of the pitch with all 15 players playing every part. The All Blacks had the best of the game territorially and won the line-outs; but England scored three tries to New Zealand's two. So the traditionally dour Twickers crowd sang Jerusalem and stood for both teams. Children ran on the pitch aware that they had seen something special. The joy of rugby, as of any sport, is that on the day either side can win. Twickenham showed that the difference between the top international sides is not as great as was rumoured. England showed again that fortune favours the bold, the fit and the determined. And so for both sides and all witnesses it was a famous draw.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Opera House report 'a parody'

From Mr John Major, MP for Huntingdon (Conservative)

Sir, Several days after the publication of the select committee report on the Royal Opera House, I remain as concerned by its tone and its conclusions as when I first saw it (details and leading article, December 4; letters, December 5 and 6). It is a parody of the report that should have been pro-

Select committee reports are very important. They are taken as dispassionate, mature judgments and their conclusions can have serious implications on events and on individ-

This suggests to me that they should err in understatement not overstatement, they should not be "trailed" for effect, they should acknowledge diffi-culties in dealing with complex prob-lems, and, above all, they should demonstrably be fair.

The report from the Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee fails these tests. It uses the merciless wisdom of hindsight to flay nearly all concerned. This is unjust. No doubt errors were made but the tone and conclusions of

the report are unwarranted. This is not the only unjust report recently. It was unjust that the Committee on Standards and Privileges ended the examination into the Neil Hamilton affair without testing the evidence or calling Mr Mohamed Al

Fayed to give evidence.

I would like the select committee system to maintain its authority as a check upon government. The system must not fall into disrepute because of the eccentricities of individual reports.

I have spent many happy hours at the Opera House and I know many of those criticised. The former chairman, Lord Chadlington is a friend whom I admire. So I will say little about the report's comments on Peter Chadlington - save this: he was appointed to solve a long-running problem and was doing so. He was the solution, not the problem, and the recommenda-tion that he should resign was bizarre. In my view he has the sort of dispassionate intellect that is ideally suited to the unravelling of complex prob-

Despite its criticism of others, the select committee itself has little worthwhile to offer by way of remedial action. It demands radical change but does not seem to know what that change should be. So it lamely recommends that Mr Chris Smith, the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport (who elsewhere in the report is criticised), should take over running the Opera House pro tem. In looking at remedies the select committee considered privatisation, noted its difficulties, flirted with a flotation, and concluded in favour of a de facto short-term nationalisation. Beyond that the committee contents itself with allocating blame.

This is the first report of the new select committee. Whilst it is a good read it is seriously deficient and unjust and such reports do not serve the Commons well.

Yours faithfully, JOHN MAJOR, House of Commons. December 7.

Free speech in prisons From the Director of the Prison Reform Trust

Sir. The Court of Appeal's decision that prisoners may lawfully be prevented from talking to journalists (report December 5) is as illogical as it

If a prisoner writes to the Prison Reform Trust complaining about some aspect of his treatment, then I am free to publicise this information. how I choose. Am I now to be banned from visiting such a prisoner for fear that he will repeat in person what he has said on paper?

In the initial High Court ruling, Mr Justice Latham suggested that one of the reasons for the Prison Service's policy was to prevent the communica tion by prisoners of material which might cause further distress to victims. But if a prisoner can further his case by writing to the press, why should the newspaper then be pre-vented from following up his letter with a visit? Freedom of speech should not end at the prison gate.

Yours faithfully STEPHEN SHAW, Director. Prison Reform Trust, The Old Trading House, 15 Northburgh Street, ECl. December 5.

New housebuilding

From Professor Patricia McLean

Sir. The case for finding new words for "to develop" and "developer" is well made (letter, November 28; see also letter, November 29) in the light of pressures for building on greenfield sites and on our urban parks

Is there not an equal case for finding a more friendly and positive acronym than the term "nimby" (not in my back yard) to describe those seeking to protect such sites?

Yours faithfully, PATRICIA MCLEAN (Joint Honorary Secretary, Friends of Old Deer Park, Richmond), 4 Hunters Court, Friars Lane, Richmond, Surrey.

Privacy, the law and media freedom

company is private when contrasted with, say, a local authority. Yet in law

some are public, others private com-

The answer is surely for the Bill to

be amended so as to include a detailed

list of the types of bodies and persons which are intended to fall within this

Sir, Your leader backs Lord Wake-

ham's call (report, December 2) for the

Press Complaints Commission to be exempt from the provisions of the Human Rights Bill.

The European Convention on Hu-man Rights was drawn up by Britain and its democratic allies almost 50

years ago to combat the risk of fascism

and communism. It may require some

updating, not least because the fash-ion for privatisation has already dilut-

ed the power of the State and because

commercial mass media have a firm-

er grip on the public than half a centu-

ry ago. However, to dub it a "villains"

narier", as some sections of the press

have, and to seek exemption is wrong-

The press are supposed to be the defenders of citizens' rights and the

Bill will not prevent legitimate investi-

gation of wrongdoing or hypocrisy in the public interest. It will, hopefully,

put a stop to the publication of pruri-

ent stories simply to titillate readers and increase profits.

Far from opposing the Bill. jour-

nalists should be welcoming this

strengthening of civil liberties. If we

wish to restore public trust in journal-

ism the best way would be to insist

that the PCC should have the power to

fine those who breach the industry's

code, and compensate the victims of inaccuracy and intrusion.

headed and counter-productive.

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Yours faithfully, FRANCIS BENNION,

From Mr Mike Jempson

5 Old Nursery View, Kennington, Oxford.

panies. The confusions are endless.

From Mrs Jocelyn Hay, Chairman of the Voice of the Listener and Viewer

Sir, Your leading article. "In a cloud". (December 3), raises disturbing questions about the unexpected impact which the Human Rights Bill, currently under consideration by the House of Lords, will have on the freedom of the press.

My organisation has grave con-

cerns about its possible effects on broadcasters, especially public-service broadcasters such as the BBC, Chan-nel 4 and the Welsh channel S4C, because under the Bill these channels may be classified as public authorities. If they are, they may be more restricted by the privacy provisions than other media, including commercial broadcasters such as TIV and BSkyB. VLV believes that, as drafted, the Bill could seriously damage the traditional editorial freedom, independence, and indeed duty of public-ser-

vice broadcasters to report news and conduct investigative journalism in the public interest. We trust that the Lord Chancellor will give further careful scrutiny and

thought to this matter before the Bill

Yours sincerely JOCELYN HAY, Chairman, Voice of the Listener and Viewer, 101 King's Drive, Gravesend, Kent.

From Mr Francis Bennion

leaves the Upper Chamber.

Sir, The Human Rights Bill, as your leading article says, makes it unlawful for a "public authority", meaning any person certain of whose functions are of a public nature", to act incompatibly with a right conferred by the Convention. This does not apply to the "private" acts of such an authority.

You, Sir, have concentrated on attacking this definition because it may include the Press Complaints Commission. But the problems it poses go very much wider.

The terms public and private are notoriously imprecise. A great deal of litigation is going to be needed before anyone can say with assurance what is a public authority, and which are its excluded private functions.

The White Paper says the definition includes companies, such as privatised utilities, responsible for areas of

From Mr Malcolm Bruce, MP for

strength of opposition to any Govern-

ment policy can merely be measured by the number of our MPs in the Com-

mons chamber, particularly with a Government majority approaching

In spite of our co-operation with

Labour over constitutional reform,

which has already delivered extraor-

dinary progress for the country and

for the Liberal Democrats, we have

robustly opposed Labour where we

disagree. Mr Parris should ask him-

self which party exposed Labour's £5

billion cut in public spending hidden in the July Budget, which party has

fought hard for extra investment in

schools and the NHS, which was the

only party to oppose unrestricted

phone-tapping, or the cut in single parent benefits, or backsliding on

As was recognised by your distin-

guished political commentator, Peter

Riddell only this week ("Riddell on

Monday", December 1) it is now the

Liberal Democrats who are the more

'Paddy's pact'

Gordon (Liberal Democrat)

of oppositionism, but it is the common sense that people in the real world: actually want.

Sincerely, MALCOLM BRUCE Sir. Matthew Parris's article today, "The price of Paddy's pact", gives a bizarre and wholly inaccurate picture of the relationship between the Liberal Spokesman), House of Commons. Democrats and the Labour Party. I December 4 am astonished that such a shrewd political commentator can think that the

Sincerely

PressWise,

MIKE JEMPSON

(Executive Director),

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Newbury (Liberal Democraf)

amazed at Matthew Parris's suggestion that the Liberal Democrats had been letting Labour off the hook on the subject of lone-parent benefit cuts.

On November 4, contrary to tradition, the Liberal Democrat peers forced a vote on the Issue in the Upper House. My own social security team forced a special standing committee meeting in the Commons on November 12, and a further vote on the committee stage of the Social Security Bill on November 18, as well as making the only contributions lambasting the cuts in the Conservative opposition day debate on December 1.

Bill when it reaches its report stage in the Commons on December 10.

effective Opposition to this Govern-ment than William Hague's right-We will go on opposing where we disagree but supporting where we House of Commons. agree. That may seem confusing for December 5.

Libel damages

Journal

environmental pledges.

From Mrs Julie A. Scott-Bayfield

Sir, Mark Stephens's unsympathetic contrast of English libel law with cer-tain aspects of the American version ("Throwing libel overboard", December 2) makes no reference to the extra-ordinarily high level of damages for libel frequently awarded in the American courts. For example, earlier this year, a small brokerage firm was awarded US\$222.7 million damages for libel against the Wall Street

In July 1995, the European Court of Human Rights held that the award of El.5 million libel damages to Lord Aldington against Count Nicolai Tolstoy infringed his right to freedom of expression under Article X of the European Convention of Human Rights. In my view, this approach to moderating libel damages is to be preferred to the American awards.

Yours faithfully, JULIE A. SCOTT-BAYFIELD. Mishcon de Reya (solicitors), 21 Southampton Row, WCL December 2

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(Liberal Democrat Treasury

From Mr David Rendel, MP for

Sir, Harriet Harman must have been

Our efforts to encourage Labour backbenchers to join us in expressing abhorrence of these cuts have also le to co-sponsorship by two of them of our amendment to the Social Security

Yours sincerely, DAVID RENDEL (Liberal Democrat, social security and welfare team leader),

Rural attractions From Mr Martin Pawley

Sir, Your two reports of December 4 on the decline of village life — "Good life can prove bad move for city folk" and "Desire for rural life cuts heart of villages" - verge on the clinically depressed. Surely the real point about private versus public transport in the country lies in the tremendous service performed by the car.

Only a tiny percentage of rural households are without the use of a car. It is the freedom it confers that makes modern country life as attractive as your figures prove it continues to be

As for the disappearance of socalled services, these vanish because the market for them no longer exists. Supermarkets and freezers are better ways of feeding families; regional shopping centres stock more and better goods; schools consolidate into larger, better resourced units; unprofitable pubs become restaurants or are turned into houses; local libraries: close but information and entertainment increases by leaps and bounds. New country life hinges on private transport and electronic communica-

tions. Both are improving all the time.

Yours faithfully. MARTIN PAWLEY, Church Wing, The Old Rectory, Somerton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. December 5

Nazi gold deflects from 'real' issues activity which were previously within the public sector. This is doubtful: a

From Mr Hanno Koppel

Sir. The attention paid to the theft of gold by the Nazis is an invidious distraction (reports, December 2, 3, 4, 5). Much more than mere gold was taken. For example, my grandfather's factory in Dresden was confiscated by the Germans in the 1930s. It was given to a company that, today, continues to exist as a successful, multinational conglomerate. This company enjoyed the profits of the factory for sixty years. Then, just before the reunification of Germany, the company assetstripped it, demolished the buildings and sold off the site. We are now being allowed to apply, through the courts, at our own cost, for compensation for

the value of the empty site. The Germans have made so little effort to recognise the damage they have done, damage which continues to reverberate down the generations. The focus on a few millions in stolen gold risks giving the false impression that major wrongs are, at last, being

Yours faithfully HANNO KOPPEL, Student Counselling Service, 47 Park Place, Cardiff. koppel@cf.ac.uk December 5.

From Mr Paul Secher

Sir, I wonder if the Austrian journalist who accused the British Government of theft for holding on to assets belong-ing to Jews from enemy countries (re-port, December 2) appreciates the irony of the situation or whether, like so many Austrians, past and present, he simply prefers to ignore a few home

truths? In 1939, my father was present when Austrian Nazis entered his family business in Vienna, stole the entire stock, which together with the property, was handed over to party supporters. Later, the family home was occupled and its contents similarly redistributed. Such action was commonplace by a Government and a people whose enthusiasm for embracing Nazism and its worst manifestations was unparallelled.

Successive Austrian governments have disclaimed responsibility. No compensation or restitution has ever been offered or received. Whilst the Austrians were evicting many thousands from their homes and businesses, Britain accepted many of those, including my father, who were fortunate enough to escape from a homeland and a people who had betrayed

Yours sincerely. PAUL SECHÉR, 80 Wood Vale, N10. December 3.

Libyan hospitality

From Mt J. A. S. Burn, MC

Sir, I have recently been fortunate enough to be included in a visit to Libya by the Eighth Army Veterans Association to honour the memory of those that lie in war cemeteries in Tobruk. Benghazi and Tripoli.

The Libyan Government has been exceptionally generous in meeting all our expenses in their country and making every possible arrangement for our comfort and transport.

Although generally Libya receives a bad press in this country and the poli-cies of its leader are at times questionable, I would like to put on record my appreciation of Libya's gesture, of the widespread friendliness of the people and to say how impressed I was with the efforts to develop the country and to improve the lives of the people.

Yours faithfully, J. A. S. BURN (7th Armoured Division, 1942-45), Ivy Cottage, Cleeve, Bristol. December 2.

A boy named Shirley From Mr Michael Harman

Sir, Today's obituary of Big Daddy (real name. Shirley Crabtree) is surely wrong in saying that the wrestler was named after the heroine of Charlotte Bronte's famous novel. Shirley (also his father's name) was traditionally a masculine cognomen.

The parents of Bronte's heroine wanted a son. Providence granting them only a daughter after eight years, they bestowed on her the name they would have used for a boy.

Yours sincerely MICHAEL HARMAN, Holmwood, 37 Upper Park Road. Camberley, Surrey. December 3.

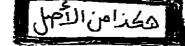
National symbols

From Signor Raimondo Manzini

Sir, With typical fairness British friends have called to apologise for the strange choice of a pizza to represent Italy in the logo for the UK's presidency of the European Union (report, December 6).

if Foreign Office mandarins have such a craving for culinary delights why not also French quiche, German bratwurst and good old British fish and chips?

RAIMONDO MANZINI (Italian Ambassador to the UK, 1968-75), 106 Somerset Road, SW19 December 7.





BUCKINGHAM PALACE December & The Princess Royal, accompanied by Captain Timothy Lamence RN, this morning attended the opening of Caazapa Airport, Paragraph

Paraguay.
Her Royal Highness later visited San Her Royal Highness later visited San Juan Nepontuceno to tour the Skell reforestation project.
The Princess Royal this evening attended a Reception given by Her Majesty's Ambessador to the Republic of Paraguay (His Excellency Mr Graham Piritie) at the residence.
KENSINGTON DALAGE

KENSINGTON PALACE

December 6: The Duke of Gloucester, Trustee, this morning attended a trustees, this morning attended a trustees' meeting at the British Museum, London WCI.

The Duchest of Gloucester, Patron, this afternoon attended a Concert to mark the Thirrieth Anniversary of the National Association for Gifted Children, at Trimity College of Music. Mandeville Place, London WI.

BRICKINGHAM BALACE. BUCKINGHAM PALACE

December 7: The Princess Royal, accompanied by Captain Throthy Lautence RN, today carried out the following engagements in Associate, Paramone.

Paraguay:
Her Royal Highness this morning visited Buen Pastor Women's Prison.
The Princess Royal later visited the Santa Luisa Orphanage for abandand did.

Santa Luna Official done of the August Market Shopping Britanico.
The Princess Royal afterwards attended a Lunch for GAP volunteers are the August Market Ma working in Paraguay, given by Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Repub-lic of Paraguay (His Excellency Mr Graham Pirnie) at the Embassy. Her Royal Highness later left Para-guay for London.

Birthdays today

Miss Kim Basinger, actresa, 44; Sir Raiph Carr-Eilison, Lord-Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear, 72; Sir Inlian Critchley, former MP, 67; Dr Susan, Damby, Principal, College of the Royal Academy of Dancing, 53; Sir Peter Daniell, former Senior Covernment Bruker, 28; Professor Sir Roger Elliott, FRS, physicist, 69; Mr Lucian Freud, OM, CH., paimer, 75; Mr James Galway, fute player, 58; Sir de Villiers Graaff, former South African, politician, 84; Mrs Pantine Green, MEP, 49; Sir David Hay, cardiologist, and his twin Sir Hamish Hay, former Mayor of Christefurch, New Zealand, 70; Mr Geolf Hurst, footballer, 50; Lord Levene of Portsoken, 56; Mr Justice Jouathan Parker, 60; Lord Prys-Davies, 74; Mr DJ, Verey, chairman, Lazard Bruthers, 47; Earl Waldegrave, 57; Mr Lynn Wilson, chairman, Wilson (Connolly) Holdings, 58.

Mr Trevor Gardner

A Memorial Service for Mr Trevor Codrington Gardner, CBE, MA, BLit, Treasurer of the University of Cambridge 1969-1984, Fellow of Wolfson College 1965-1997, Honorary Fellow of Darwin and of Robinson Colleges, will be held in Robinson College Chapel on Sanrday, January 31, 1998, at 2.00pm. The Warden and Fellows of Robinson College invite those attending to stay for refreshments after the service in the College Hall. A Memorial Service for Mr Trevos

John Wimber

A Celebration of the life and ministry of John Wimber will take place in Westminster Central Half at 7,00pm on Friday. Detember 12. The Rev John Mumford, Mr Gerald Coates, Mr Roger Forster, the Rev Sanely Millar, Bishop David Pytches and Mr Terry Virgo will pay tribute. Admission free from \$30pm.

Nature notes

Gadwall are feeding in small flocks on quiet lakes, mainly in eastern England. They are neat, calm ducks the drake has soft, grey plumage with a black patch in front of its tail,

the female is orange beak. They generally swim in pairs, up-ending in the water together. Brent geese, the smallest of the British wild have

The gadwali

geese. come in from Russia and northern Europe to winter on mudilats and estuaries. They cry like barking dogs as they move up and down with the tides, looking for eel-grass on the mud or floating in shallow water. In woods and gardens

spend most of the short days foraging: only a robin or hedge-sparrow can sometimes be heard in the halflight of dusk or dawn. There are plenty of berries on the

mistletoe, mainly in poplar and apple trees. Mistle thrushes like to eat this sticky fruit, but they have to wipe their beaks on twigs after-

wards, and this means that they spread the seeds. DJM Two books by Derwent May, based on his Times articles, are published by Robson Books. Feather Reports, Illustrated by Robin Jacques (£12.95, hardback), and The New Them Nature Diary, illustrated by Richard Blake (£6.99, paperback).

Appointments in the Forces

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Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edin-burgh will amend a dinner given by the Privy Council at the House of Lords, at 800 to mark their golden wedding amniversary.

The Duke of York will attend the opening night of the English National Ballet's The Nuterocher at the

The Duke of Gloucester, patron, toner London Probation Service, will attend a reception at the service's headquarters, 71-73 Great Peter Street London SWL at 0.55. Princess Alexandra, patron, will at-tend a "Celebration of Christmas" Concert in aid of the New Bridge, Guards Chapel, Wellington Bur-racks, at 6.55.

Dinner

Association of Old Brighton Dr Anthony Seldon, Headmaster of Brighton College, and Dr Joanna Seldon were the guests of honour at the annual dinner of the Association of Old Brightonians held on Saturday at Brighton College. Rear-Admiral P.G.V. Dingemans, president of the association, was in the chair.

Inner Temple Lady Justice Butler-Slow has been elected Treasurer of the Inner Temple for 1998; Lord Lloyd of Berwick has been elected Reader for 1998.



Wartime heroes: Thomas Gould, left, and Ian Fraser

Naval VCs give first account of missions

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE two surviving Royal Navy Second World War veterans to have been awarded the Victoria. Cross have given the first full account of their missions. into a 5ft depression in the seabor beneath the cruiser. But sud-denly there was an almighty crash as we bashed straight into

from the ship I put the periscope up to have a look around and saw

a Japanese liberty boat with about 40 men aboard only 10ft

away. They were so close I could see their lips moving. We went deep immediately but I'll never know why they didn't spot us."

The submarine scraped along the seabed towards the ship "with only 10ft of water above our heads". The intention was to slip

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the side of the ship".

It took "10 terrible minutes" of straining at full power to free the submarine from the endor catale. Forcer Lieutenant Inn "Tich" Praser and ex Chief Petty Officer Thomas Tommy Gould sold their VC medals about 10 years ago because of financial difficulties. Now the two have described the terrifying moments when they put their lives at risk.

Mr. Fraser, 76, armonated to Eventually, he settled the craft in the hole under the cruiser and a diver was dispatched to lay mines on the hull: "The diver had to scrape, away a thick layer of baruscies before the magnets on the mines would still " Mr Fraser, 76, promoted to lieutenant commander after the war, commanded an X-craft midget submarine which was so small that although he was only Sit 4in, he could not stand justice. the mines would mick."

By then the tide was falling so quickly that when Lieutenant Praser ordered half speed ahead, the submarine would not budge. "I was sure the Takao had sented in the falling falling that a street of the submarine would not budge." it. The submarine, with a crew of four, had a 1,000-mile range and on top of us in the falling tide and we'd be stack there for good," he says. The submarine finally escaped and the Japanese cruiser was "blown to bits". The diver was also awarded a VC. four, had a 1,000-mile range and a top speed of six knots. Interviewed by author Max Arthur in The Navy, 1939 to the Pressat Day, published by Hodder & Stoughton this week, Mr Fraser, from Wallasey, Merseyside, recalls how air looked nearly over, he was sent out to the Far Bast. Six X-craft submarines were loaded on to HMS Bonaventure, a depot ship. His mission was to attack the Takao, a Japanese cruiser in Stragapore with its guns pointing up the Malay Peninsula where the British Army was advancing. His X-craft was lowed 600 Chief Petty Officer Tomat

Good was in a submerine, HMS Thrasher, off Crete in 1942 when the boar suffered three hours of German depth charge attacks. Later it surfaced close inshore when the crew heard "rolling noises" that turned out to be a bomb resting on the forecasing in.

bomb resting on the forecasing infront of the gun platform.

Mr Goold, new M. from Peter-borough, recalls how he wrapped the 100th bomb in sacking and tied it to a heaving line. "It was soo heavy to be thrown clear, so we had to manhandle it overboard slowly and carefully."

After finding a second bomb lying in a conlined space, Chief Petry Officer Gould wriggled through a narrow gap to reach it. He then lay on his back, and, with the bomb on his stomach, was His X-craft was sowed 600 miles by submarine to the Straits of Singapore. After a difficult navigation up the Straits, he saw the cruiser through the periscope about a mile away, lying in the fire and the straits. "About 400 yds

the bomb on his stomech, was pulled clear by the first lieutenant. "Every time we moved, it made a masty twanging sound like a broken spring," he says.

Once it was extracted, they wrapped the second bomb in sacking and lowered it into the water. He and the lieutenant were

Mr M.E.H. Blowd

The marriage took place on: Saturday at the Church of the Holy Ghost, Chilworth, of Mr Mark Bidwell, younger son of Sir Hugh and Lady Bidwell, of Goodnestone, Kent, to Miss Claudia Kulatunga. kent, to Miss Claudia Kulaninga, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Vijit Kulaninga, of Purley, Surrey. Brother Juniper, OFM, officiated.
The bride was attended by Joseph Watts, Dion Watts, William Bidwell, Mrs Marsina Watts and Mrs Tanya Zimmermenn. Mr Roderick Miller was best man.

Mr CA Brooks and Miss C.A. Boguez.

The marriage took place on Saturday, December 6, 1997, at St Clement Danes, the Strand, between Mr Charles Androw. Brookes, only son of Wing Commander and Mrs Andrew.

Perceptor of Pengland and Mrs Brookes, of Bracknell, and Miss Caroline Anne Bogusz, younger daughter of Mrs Katileen Bogusz and the late Mr Annon Bogusz, of Peterboraugh. Padre Nick Heron officiated.

officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Microslaw Bogusz, was attended by Florence Beal, Sophie and Nicholas Bogusz and Miss Katherine Brookes. Mr. James A reception was held at The Royal Air Force Club, Piccadilly, and the honeymoon is being spent

in Mulaysia. Mr P.D. Brown and Miss S.J. Sta

and Mass S.J. Standard The marriage took place on Saturday, December 6, at St Pener and St Paul's Church, Black Notley, Essei, of Mr. Peter Douglas Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs Douglas Brown, to Miss Sarah Jane Stamurd, daughter of Mr and Mrs Barry Stannard. Father Alexander Morrison

officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Amanda Stannard and Mrs Sosan Burgess, Mr Pari Rosewell was best mun.
A reception was held at
Rivenhall Jarvis Hotel and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr T.P. Shaw and Miss A.L.E. Campbell The marriage took place on Monday, November 24, in Kandy, Sri Lanka, of Mr Torn Shaw, only son of Major and Mrs Patrick E. Shaw, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, to Miss Amanda Campbell, only daughter of the late Mr Christopher N. Campbell and of Mrs Veronica Campbell of Mrs Veronica Campbell, of Eastergate, West Sussex.

Lancing College

Mr Peter Tinniswood, MA, MBA, has been appointed Head Master of Lancing College from September 1996 on the retirement of Mr Christopher Saunders, MA. Mr Tinniswood is currently Master of Magdalen College School, Oxford.

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and Miss L.P.A. Congreve The engagement is autounced between Colin, only son of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Evans, of

Fordingbridge, Hampshire, and Lucy, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Congreve, of Little Venice, London. Mr J.R.J. Giesler and Miss S.M.L. Merrion

The engagement is announced between James, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Neville Giesler, of Monaco, and Serena, daughter of the late Mr Anthony Moriton and of Mrs Alasdair Saunders, of Kensington, Landon.

Mr P.J. Great and Miss O.M.L. Hegatty

The engagement is animunced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ian Grant, of Uplawmoor, Renfrevshire, and Olivia, only daughter of His Honour Judge Hegarty, QC, and Mrs Hegarty, of Stockport, Greater Manchester,

Mr C. Henley and Miss P. Glynn The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs Michael Henley, of Chapel Brampton, Northampton-shire, and Polly, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Dermot Glynn, of Blackheath, London SE3.

Mr T.L. Jones and Miss G.S. Hobden The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Jones, of Ulceby Grange, Alford, Lincohshire, and Georgina, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Hobden, of Michelgrove House, Patching, West Summer.

and Miss N.J. Connors
The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Mr and Mrs P.V. Knight, of Lydney, Gloucestershire, and Nicola, younger daughter of the late Mr K.R.O. Connors and of Mrs A. Shufflebotham. of Maidstone,

Mr A.M.P. Manton and Miss A.J. Christian-Phillips The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of Mr Brian Manton and Mrs Elizabeth

Manton, of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, and Anneli, only daughter of Jane Christian-Phillips. of Little Southernden, Headcorn, Kent. Mr C.M.R. Prior and Miss L. Huline-Dickens

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Prior, of Taunton, Somerset, and Lily, daughter of Mr Michael Huline-Dickens and the late Mrs Huline-

Mr C.T. Simmonds and Mis L.J.W. Par The engagement is announced

between Toby, son of Mrs Diana Simmonds, of Sudbury, Suffolk, and Laura, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Powell, of Fakenham, Norfolk.

Captain J.C. Woodhouse, RA, and Dr T-L. Appleyard The engagement is announced between James, son of Dr David Woodhouse, of New Zealand, and Mrs Ruth Woodhouse, of Mrs Rum Woodnobss, or Sandridge, Wilshire, and Tracy-Louise, daughter of Squadron Leader David Appleyard, retd. of Cromer, Norfolk, and Mrs Pauline Neck, of Headley Down,

Middle Temple

Sir Richard Wisson and Sir Frank-in German have been eleased Hono-ary Masters of the Bench of the Middle Temple.

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: Horace, Quintus Horatius Flaccus, Roman poet, Venusia, southern Italy, 65 BC; Mary Queen of Scots, reigned 1542-67, Linkingow, 1542; Queen Christina of Sweden, reigned 1644-54, Stockholm, 1626; Eli Whitney, pionets of the cotton gin, West-borough, Massachusetts, 1765; Bjornstjerne Bjornson, novelist and dramarist, Nobel laureate 1903, Kvikne, Norway, 1832; Aristide Maillol, sculptor, Banyuls-sur-Mer, 1861; Georges Fey-dean, dramatist, Paris, 1862; Jean Sibelius, composer, Hameenlinn, Finland, 1865; Norman Douglas, essayist and novelist. Thuringen, Austria, 1866: Padraic Cohum, poet. Longiord, Co Longiord, 1881; James Thurber, Immorist writer, Columbus, Ohio, 1894; Jim Morrison, singer and poet, Melbourne, Florida, 1943.

DEATHS: Advison Williams, composer, Venice. IS62; John Pyrn, leader of the opposition to King Charles 1, London, 1643; Richard Baxter. Presbyterian writer. Baxter. Presbyterian writer.
London 1691: Thomas de Quincey,
writer, Edinburgh, 1839: Herbert
Spencar, philosopher, Brighton,
1903; Gertrude Jekyil, gardener
and landscape architect,
Godalming, Surrey, 1932; Simon,
Marks, Baron Marks of
Broughton, reall trade leader,
London, 1964; Golda Meir, Prims
Minister of Israel 1969-74,
Jerusalem, 1978; John Lennon,
singer and songwriter, shot. singer and songwriter, shot, Manhattan, 1980.

Pope Pius IX decistred the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Biessed Virgin Mary to be an Article of Feith, 1854. Clifton suspension bridge was opened, 1964.

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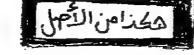


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Billy Bremner, Leeds United and Scotland footballer, died yesterday in hospital in Doncaster aged 54. He was born in Stirling on December 9,

nly days before he died of a heart-attack, Billy Bremner was still travelling around England's football grounds in his role as a media pundit. The unbridled passion that made him one of the most respected, and indeed feared, players of his generation was still evident in his forthright commentaries on the modern

"Players today are making so much money you wonder if they still have that passion and pride," he said in one of his last interviews, and it was a typical comment from a man whose commitment was never questioned over a career which reaped 54 caps for Scotland as well as almost every club honour in the game. Perhaps his greatest moment for Scotland was the victory over England, then world champions, in 1967. Between 1968 and 1974 at Leeds United, Bremner lifted the League Cup, the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup, the League Championship twice and also the FA Cup on two occasions as captain of one of the most dominant sides in the history of English football. His attempts to repeat that success as a manager, at Doncaster twice and back at Leeds, failed but those setbacks did not diminish his enthusiasm for the game which made him an instantly recognisable figure the length and breadth of Britain.

With a passion to match his fiery red hair. Bremner was the competitive -

sometimes, by his own admission, too much so — skipper of one of the greatest dub sides the English game has seen as well as being leader of his country.

Born and brought up in Scotland, he moved to Elland Road as a teenager, turning professional for Leeds in 1959. He soon became the fulcrum of Don Revie's all-conquering side, making a total of 585 league appearances in his 17 years at Elland Road between 1959 and 1976.

Brought up through the ranks along with Terry Cooper, Norman Hunter, Gary Sprake and Paul Reaney, Bremmer was at the heart of a tightly-knit team given an obsessional will to win by the management of Revie. While Manchester United, who had won the European Cup in 1968, were the team of glamour, boasting the style of George Best, Denis Law and Bobby Charlton, Revie turned Leeds into a side of relentless method, which made them the side everyone, except their fans, loved to hate and wanted to see beaten. By the time they broke up in the mid-1970s they were pre-eminent in English club football.

Driven to even greater efforts when they narrowly missed two trophies in 1965, losing the final of the FA Cup to Liverpool and pipped to the League title by United, they came back stronger and, after lifting the League Cup in 1968, became a force across the Continent. Dressing them in an all-white strip, Revie told his players they were the heirs to the Real Madrid team that had dominated Europe, and they believed him.

Bremner was a vital cog. Turned down by Arsenal and Chelsea because they believed he was too small at 5ft 5in,

BILLY BREMNER

Bremner typically strived to prove that size was no barrier to success. A tough tackler, ready to dive in against far bigger opponents, he also boasted wonderful acceleration and was a master at transforming defence into attack. He could be used in a variety of positions, including centre forward; his ball-winning skills were matched by his ability to score great goals, and he was a superb passer of the ball. Even in the 1971 season, when Leeds failed to win a trophy, he was voted Footballer of the Year.

The competiveness which, allied to his wonderful talents, made him such a formidable opponent could, though, also land him in trouble and he was no stranger to controversy. Perhaps the best remembered incident in Bremner's career was his dismissal along with Kevin Keegan, then a striker for Liverpool, for fighting in the Charity Shield at Wembley in 1974. Shame was heaped on the pair for marring what was supposed to be a showpiece occasion but, on that day at least. Bremner could claim that his reputation for indiscipline had preceded him. It was, in fact, his Leeds team-mate John Giles who had started the fraces with the swing of an arm, and it was only Keegan's mistake in identifying his assailant that saw Bremner become involved. He further upset the football authorities, along with Keegan, for ripping off his shirt as he left the field and he was given a 34-day suspension and fined £500.

While he could plead mitigation then, Bremner was not the type to complain if he was ever on the receiving end of some rough treatment. Once asked to manmark Pelé in a game against Brazil at

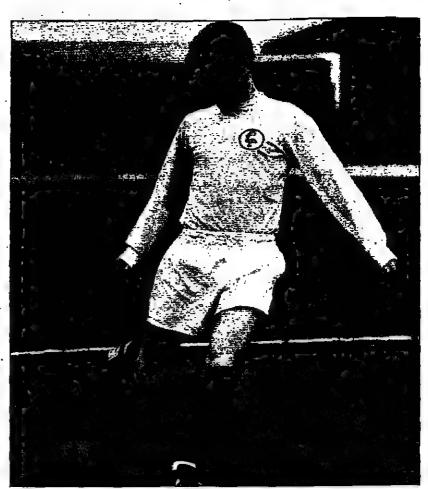
Hamnden Park in 1965, the Scotland international found that illegitimate means were the only means of trying to stop the mighty Brazilian. Bremner took it almost as a mark of respect that Pelé felt the need to respond in a similar vein, swinging an elbow that left a tennis-ball

sized bruise around one eye.

Bremner's international career probably reached its pinnacle in another game against Brazil, producing an outstanding display in a 0-0 draw during the 1974 World Cup. It ended in ignominy, however, the following year when he was banned from playing for his country again following a nightclub incident with eam-mates in Copenhagen.

Bremner moved to Hull City for £35,000 in 1976, scoring for his new club on his debut to engineer a 1-0 win over Nottingham Forest. But within two years he was on the move again, this time to Doncaster Rovers where he was appointed player-manager. But the attempt, in this new role, to repeat the glory of his playing days never really took off. Doncaster never gave him the resources to challenge the country's elite and in 1985 he returned to Leeds where he succeeded Eddie Gray as manager at Elland Road. But he only lasted three years; being sacked by Leeds in 1988. In the following year he returned to Doncaster, again as manager, but with similarly dispiriting

He eventually opted for reminiscing over his glory years as a noted afterdinner speaker, going on tours with his old team-mate Norman Hunter. Bremner is survived by his wife Vicki, and by a son and two daughters.



LORD DAINTON

Lord Dainton, FRS. former chairman of the University Grants Committee and of the board of the British Library, died on December 5 aged 83. He was born on November 11, 1914.

FRED DAINTON brought the mind of a scientist to bear upon public affairs. As a hard graft and a hard head to the problems of whatever cause or institution he was representing. He spoke his mind, but he had a warm heart and was loyal to those who shared his origins. In his five years, 1973-78, as chairman of the University Grants Committee, when Margaret Thatcher was Secretary of State for Education, he demonstrated his independence of mind in a post in which he might well have been simply a cipher. As chairman of the Board of the British Library, 1978-85, he ensured that the a new institution would be abreast of the latest information technology when it even-

tually opened Frederick Sidney Dainton was born in Sheffield, his parents' ninth child. His father was a stonemason who had had no more than nine days' schooling in his life, and was too poor to provide money for boots for the boy. But his son won a scholarship to the Central Secondary School, and was later awarded an exhibition at St John's College. Oxford, even though, entranced by the beauty of the colleges, he had gone for a walk and missed the final

At St John's, when the vacation began, Dainton would have to borrow a bicycle to pedal the 1434 miles

He graduated with first class honours in chemistry in 1937, and moved to Cambridge to work under Norish on the reaction between oxygen and hydrogen. He concentrated on disentangling the roles of the numerous simple reactions, the interplay of which produces so many

complexities. Dainton had just been appointed to a temporary teaching post when the Second World War began. At first he remained in Cambridge carrying a heavy burden of college teaching, but later he was engaged on secret work for the Air Ministry. His research there alerted him to the dangers as well as the benefits of

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Vicar. The Howden Team Min-

istry (York): to be Priest-in-Charge,

The Rev Jay Kothare, Team Vicar, St Paul's Ecumenical Centre.

The Rev Mark Ireland, Vicar,

Baxenden St John (Blackburn): 10

be Diocesan Missioner, and Team

Vicar, Walsall St Manhew, St

The Rev John Lees, Minor Canon

and Succentor, St Paul's Cathedral

(London): so be Team Rector.

The Rev Roger MacPhee, NSM

Curate, Trunch (Norwich): to be Diocesan Officer for Non-Supen-

diary Ministers (same diocese).

Davenham (same diocese).

The Rev Rob Munro, Curate,

Hartford (Chester): Rector.

Luke, and St Mark (Lichfield).

Swindon New Town (Bristol).

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Appointments

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nuclear energy. But although in the early days he was irritated that the authorities would not take seriously the effects of radiation, he was always a vehement opponent of those who wanted to scrap nuclear power stations. In 1942 he married Barbara

Wright, whom he met while she was at Newnham College. Their married life was outstandingly happy. She brought him warmth and friendship and was fiercely loyal. In 1944 he had been appointed demonstrator by his department and a fellow of St Catharine's College, The next six years saw his reputation develop. He believed that the most worthwhile field of physical chemistry was the study of rates of reactions, and within this field he diversified his existing interests in gaseous systems to include first polymerisation and next the relatively new subject of radia-

tion chemistry.
In 1950 he moved to the University of Leeds, and it was there that he realised his potential and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1957. In his lifetime he published 297 major scientific papers, as well as 17 accounts of his secret wartime research. He was more an unraveller of complexities than an innova tor who perceived central simplicities, but his delight in research did not mean that he neglected teaching. He pioneered tutorial teaching to science students in civic universities. He raised money from industry to build exten-sions to the Leeds School of Chemistry, and established a High Energy Radiation Research Laboratory, located at Cookridge Hospital. The university showed its gratitude to him by extending his directorship of that laboratory for seven years after his denarture, and his scientific work was later recognised by the award of the Davy Medal of

the Royal Society. But by now relations with some of his colleagues had become strained, and his hopes for a new chemistry building had waned. So in 1965 Dainton left Leeds to become Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nottingham. Despite great goodwill on his arrival, the three-cornered negotiations for the university's new medical school very quickly ran into unexpected difficulties with the planning authorities. His troubles were multiplied by student mili-tants, who set up the "Free University of Nottingham". Dainton covered the walls with posters announcing the building was reserved for F.U.N. Disgruntled by this stroke of repressive tolerance, the militants coined a slogan "Don't let Fred laf at you

ing the affair brought criticism, as did his revision of the regulations in halls of residence, and he took personal attacks too much to heart. He regarded the student disturbances as a childish waste of time, and in 1970 when the chair of physical chemistry at Oxford fell vacant he applied and achieved his undergraduate ambition to hold Hinshel-Wood's chair. He did not hold it for long.

Three years later he was appointed chairman of the University Grants Committee. He regarded himself very much as the universities' man, and although he was formally adviser to the Minister of Education, Margaret Thatcher, he meaningfully refused to sit next to her at meetings. His time at the Grants Committee coincided with the sharp rise in oil prices and the subsequent financial crisis, which destroyed the quinquennial system and reduced university budgets by four per cent. Dainton was more concerned with trying to see fair shares for all the universities than with persuading them to change uneconomic procedures, but among his initiatives was the provision of additional money for courses at four or five universities that combined engineering with management

In 1967 the Labour Govern-

ment reversed the decision to erect a building for the British Library opposite the British Museum. Dainton was asked to chair the committee on the needs of the national libraries and to recommend where the new library should be sited The report said it must be in central London, and indeed endorsed the original site as the most suitable. But the real value of the report lay in its recommendations about the organisation of library services, most of which were accepted.

It was no surprise then that when Dainton's five years at the Grants Committee ended, he was chosen as chairman of the British Library board on the retirement of Lord Eccles. At a time when the technology of information retrieval and librarianship was undergoing a revolution. Dainton ensured that the library would be up to date in all its functions after the move to the St Pancras site. He did not regard the chairmanship as a part-time job, and when the chief executive fell ill, Dainton added that work to his own, which was to cause some difficulty to Sir Harry Hookway's successor. The organisation of the British Library is his most lasting

memorial. Dainton sat on many committees and bodies. Among the most significant was his chairmanship, in 1965, of a committee to investigate why there were so few candidates for university places in science and technology. His report recommended the abolition of the specialised sixth form curriculum which forced boys and girls to choose between the humanities or mathematics and science at the age of fourteen. He urged that all pupils should study mathe-matics until they left school. These recommendations fell on stony ground, however,

and have yet to bear fruit. Among his many appointments, Dainton was president of the Faraday Society, and first president of the Chemical Society. For his services to the State, he was made a life peer in 1984, and made a number of speeches in the House of Lords criticising the Government's cuts in university and scientific research expenditure. An honour that gave him special pleasure was his appointment as Chancellor of the University in his home town of Sheffield, which he held until

His wife, Barbara, and a son and two daughters, survive him.

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LORIMER WEIR

Lorimer Weiz, OBE, Financial Controller of British European Airways, 1946-64, died in Edinburgh on November l aged 93. He was born on November 21, 1904.

ONE of the most industrious of the backroom boys who rose to the top of early British air transport, Lorimer Weir was for 33 years at the centre of the financial affairs of, successively, Imperial Airways, BOAC, and British European Airways. How well he performed through difficult, formative years is shown by the translation of Imperial Airways's El'a million of prewar losses in the years between 1924 and 1939 into BEA's £13 million of cumulative profits during its 28 years of existence from 1946

Involved in all of this,

Rankin Lorimer Weir was

educated at George Heriot's School and Edinburgh University with a medical career in prospect. In 1921, however, at the age of 17 he decided upon accountancy instead, joined an Edinburgh firm of chartered accountants. After qualifying in 1928 he departed for London to learn the ropes in the head office of the Gaumout British Picture Corporation. Despite the attractions of the budding "talkies", and of his free passes to the 300 cinemas of the Gaumont British circuit. in 1930 Weir set off for Canada to do accounting work in the brewing industry. There, he not only widened his professional experience but developed a palate for fine beers.

Early in 1933, impressed with the up and coming prospects of air transport, he wrote so persuasively to George Woods Humphry, managing director of Imperial Airways in London, that after an interview with Sidney Dismore. Imperial's secretary and assistant general manager, Weir rapidly found himself installed at Croydon Airport as the airline's sole internal audi-

From there his auditing work took him to Brindisi where the airline's passengers boarded Short Calcutta flying boats for Alexandria by way of Crete where Imperial's motoryacht, Imperia, offered comfortable night stops for passengers — and delightful swimming for staff — including the internal auditor.

In those days of multiple, short-haul, staging-posts on the air route to India, Weir became familiar with the "beau geste" type block-houses at Gaza, Rutba Wells, Bahrain and Basra, where, on occasion, he had to deal with such staff expenses as the hire of a carnel for local transport.

Pending the delivery of the longer-range Short Empire flying boats, and the starting of an associated company, Indian Trans-Continental Airways — of which Imperial Airways heki a 51 per cent share - Karachi became the interim terminal of the India

There, after many adventures, Weir had his overseas service brought to a sudden end by a victous bout of typhoid, of which his local assistant died. He was flown home in one of the maiestic Handley Page HP42 biplane airliners — the jumbos of their day — which had just been introduced into long-haul service. After recuperation in Scotland, he resumed work at Croydon Airport as assistant chief accountant under Arthur Quinn Harking (who was later to become administrative

director of BOAC). With Quinn Harking, in 1936 Lorimer Weir set up the Imperial Airways pension scheme - an advanced concept for the time. The airline and its employees each paid 5 per cent of the employee's salary to buy deferred annuities administered by four trustees - including Weir who continued for the next 34 years, eventually becoming its chairman. In due course, the Imperial Airways scheme, joined with BOAC, BSAA and

BEA. became under Lorimer

Weir, the Airways Joint Pen-

sion Scheme. When war came in 1939, Weir moved, with Imperial's headquarter's staff, to the Grand Spa Hotel at Bristol, where he set up an underground accounts and pay office in a disused railway tunnel adjoining the hotel. It continued uninterrupted, and operating normally, throughout the subsequent heavy

bombing of the city. In February 1946 Sir Harold Hartley, the chairman-designate of BEA, invited Weir to join the organising committee of that prospective new, Euro-pean airline, of which Weir became the first full-time de-partmental head as financial controller. In addition, he chaired an international committee (with KLM and American Airlines) to organise the IATA clearing house for the settlement of inter-airline transactions on a worldwide basis. From this, Weir went on to become chairman of the IATA financial committee

from 1951 to 1955. For his work at BEA he had been appointed OBE in 1949. Weir suffered a heart attack in August 1964, but came back to work until, in September 1965, he retired from the BEA board during a year in which he had the satisfaction of seeing the airline carry 5.6 million passengers and return a profit of £3 million after meeting all operational and capital costs.

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He had married his Scottish fiancée, Dorothy Aiken, in 1935. He and his wife, who died in 1989, are survived by their daughter.



Church news

Canon Alan Nugent. Diocesan Director of Education (Durham): to be Director. Mission and Training Development Forum, and licensed general preacher (Lincoln). The Rev Angela Pavey, part-time Diocesan Director of Ordinands, and Assistant Curate, Birchwood St Luke (Lincoln): to be full-time Diocesan Director of Ordinands, and licensed general preaches

Thamesmead (Southwark): to be Community Relations Officer, and Priest-in-Charge, St Chad, Moston (same diocese) The Rev Geoffrey Price, Priest in Charge, Drayton in Hales (Lichfield): 10 be Vicar (same benefice). The Rev James Rooke, formerly Priest-in-Charge, Borrowdale, and Chaplain, Keswick School (Car-lisle): to be NSM Assistant Corate,

North and South Hykeham (Lincoln). The Rev David Roscoe, Curate, Ditton St Michael (Liverpool): 10 be Team Vicar, Kirkby St Andrew same diocesel.

The Rev Derek Seber, NSM, Moss Side St James (Manchester):

Priest-in-Charge, Thornton

Hough, and Industrial Chaplain, South Wirral (Chester). The Rev Gordon Small, Team Vicar, Bucknall and Bagnall (Lichfield): to be Assistant Curate (known as Associate Priest), Deal St Leonard w St Richard and Sholden St Nicholas (Canterbury). The Rev Simon Stephenson, Team Vicar, Wreningham, and Priest-in-Charge, Forncett (Norwich): to be half-time Vicar Link

again." His method of defus-

half-time Vicar, High Oak w Hingham, Scoulton and Wood-rising, and half-time Chaplain, HM Prison Wayland (same The Rev Barry Thompson, Canon Residentiary, Chelmsford Cathe-dral: to be a Canon of St George's Chapel, Windsor. The Rev Philip Wain, Assistant

Curate. Witton St Helen (Chester): to be Priest-in-Charge, Lea Group Canon Michael Walters, Vicar. Knussford and Toft (Chester): Priest-in-Charge, Congleton St Peter, and Congleton Sr Stephen, and Team Rector-designate of

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proposed Congleton Team Min-istry (same diocese). Retirements and resignations The Rev Alan Cochrane, Rector, Hilgay and Southery (Ely) to retire January 31, 1998. The Rev Keith Haggar, NSM

Curate, Woodnesborough w Worth and Staple (Canterbury) to retire January 8, 1998. The Rev Jim Innes, Vicar, Brereton w Swettenham (Chester) retired October 12. The Rev Michael Lowe, Assistant Curate, Mudelord (Winchester)

retired November 30. The Rev. Walter Smith, Vicar, Lythe w Ugthorpe (York) retired November 30 on health grounds. The Rev John Worsdall, Vicar, The Stickney Group (Lincoln), to retire February 28, 1998.

Correction .

The Rev Andrew Ballard, Team Rector of Walkden Moor with Linie Hulton (Manchester); to be Priest-in-Charge, Rochdale St Chad, Good Shepherd, St John the Divine, and Team Rector designate (same diocese).

MR. GLADSTONE IN SCOTLAND

I will ask you to believe with me that the

errand which has brought me here is a 🐰 most serious errand. (Cheers and the cry of "We believe it.") I find the confirma-tion of that view in the language of the address from the Liberal associations which has been read in your hearing. These associations feel that the time has arrived when the country should be freed from the disastrous policy of the present Government, (Cheers.) Undoubtedly the liberation of the country from the present Government is the main and capital object of my pilgrimage. (Loud cheers.) After the demonstration which the conduct of the present Parliament has afforded, and, in particular and far beyond the rest, after the demonstration which the last two disastrous years have afforded. I tell you plainly that unless you effect that you will effect nothing. (Cries of "We will do it.""[I's true," and cheers.) That removal of itself is but a part of your work. What

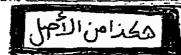
ON THIS DAY

December 8, 1879

Gladstone closed his mid-Lothian campaign with a visit to Motherwell where he addressed a large crowd at the station, the warmth and intensity of whose feelings are illustrated by the laterjections in this relatively short extract

will come afterwards for those who may be selected to guide the affairs of this country will be a matter of the utmost complexity and difficulty. (A Voice. - They'll manage it.") Do not suppose that a party triumph is the end of all things in my views. (Cheers.) No; it is but the necessary, the essential, the indispensable beginning. (Renewed cheers.) And here let me say, with respect to a kind expression that was used in one of the speeches addressed to me, that a return to place and power is no part of

the purpose for which I have come here. I have not come here for myself (A Voice. "The more's the pity," and cheers), but for the public interest. What you have heard said is that you want statesmen who will uphold the Constitutional privileges of the people, and the meaning of that is that during these latest years the Constitutional privileges of the people represented in their Parliament have not been upheld. (Cheers.) You say you want statesmen who will maintain the national honour. If the national honour could be maintained by boasting and brag (cheers and laughter), then, indeed, it has been splendidly maintained (renewed cheers and laughter); but if the national honour depends upon a firm decision to accord to others the rights you claim for yourselves, if the national honour is the civilizing principle of equal rights to all, if the national honour requires that whenever strong words are used they shall be followed by strong acts, then we are, indeed, of opinion that the national honour has not been maintained. (Cheers.)



THE TIMES TODAY

Middle class benefits may be taxed

■ The middle classes are being targeted by the Treasury in proposals to reform the welfare state that go far beyond anything so far envisaged.

All state benefits - including child benefits - could be either taxed or means tested under proposals in response to Tony Blair's order to "think the unthinkable" The Treasury is also considering scrapping housing benefit and replacing it with a flat-rate payment. ... Pages 1, 21

South Pole skydivers killed

Investigators are trying to discover why three of the six men making a unique skydive over the South Pole died when their parachutes failed to open. The survivors could only watch helplessly as the victims — two Americans and an Austrian plunged 8,000ft on to the polar ice... Pages 1, 5

Bremner dies

Billy Bremner, the Scotland and Leeds United footballer of the late sixties and seventies, died at 54 of a suspected heart attack. He was as skilful as he was passionate about the game....... Pages 1, 23 Teachers unite

Left-wing teachers have held secret talks on the establishment of a "super-union" which would cover schools and colleges. Moderates claim it would encourage

dassroom disruption Page 2 Robinson pressure Geoffrey Robinson, the multimillionaire minister, is under pressure to explain his financial affairs after the discovery of links with offshore trusts in Bermuda

as well as Guernsey......Page 2 Parson apologises

Michael Bunce, the Scottish clergyman found guilty of embezziement, apologised to his former congregation for the hurt he had ...Page 3 caused them.

Teletubby tantrum

The Talking Teletubby, predicted to be an instant hit, will be released next month, angering purchasers of Teletubby Christmas merchandisePage 3

Beef blockade off

Farmers protesting against cheap beef imports and falling incomes ran into stiffer police resistance and abandoned a planned block-

Health officials in Hong Kong are trying to ease fears that a strain of influenza previously found only in birds could mutate and spread to human beings worldwide... Page 8

EU do's and don'ts

Ministers and officials have been given an etiquette guide and practical tips such as making sure the microphone is on, to avoid pitfalls during the six mouths of the UK's

EU presidency Gibraltar lease

Spain is to propose that Britain take a 99-year lease on Gibraltar, after London climbed down over its threatened veto of Spanish integration in Nato's military command. .. Page 11

Mossad blunder

Mossad, the Israeli secret service, was further discredited with disclosures that it wrongly assessed Iraq's nuclear potential and was misled over Syria's aims Page 12

Iran's olive branch

Two decades after Iran threatened to export its Shiz Islamic revolution it is making peace with its Saudi enemies to challenge American influence...... Page 13

l'actical shift

President Clinton has ordered a change in the targeting of American nuclear weapons to deter possible conflict by threatening a ade of Dover harbour..... Page 4 devastating response Page 14

O come all ye faithful shoppers

Shoppers who opt to spend the last Sunday before Christmas at their local Asda supermarket could be in for a spiritual surprise. Instead of Jingle Bells, store speakers nout the land will ring out the measured tones of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Shoppers will be handed an order of service and invited to sing along to hymns and caroisPage 1

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Russian cadets and students from the Moscow choreographic school dancing at a ball celebrating their cadet college enlistment

Union snub: The Government

plans to side with the CBI against the TUC on the key element of union recognition: how strong the vote in favour has to be Page 48 Saving coal: Desperate attempts

are being made by the Government to persuade power generating groups to take more coal... Page 48 Creating jobe: Tesco, the super-

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boost to the Government's welfareto-work programme by taking on 1.500 people under the low-cost training scheme........ Pages 48, 46 Stopping cheets: The Stock Exchange is expected to cram trading. into a couple of hours on New Year's Eve in an attempt to stop cheats using its new trading system

to rig the FTSE 100 ____ Page 48

Aldden disease Promite capeer is the hidden killer for men. In 20 years' time one in four British men will have developed it. This year The Times, as part of its Christmas appeal, is supporting everyman, set up by the Institute of Cancer Research. Anjana Ahuja and Dr Thomas Stuttaford report . Page 15

Book talk: Once upon a time, agenting was very clubby and insular. All that changed when new wheeler-dealers emerged, Janine di Giovanni reports Page 16 Luciano Pavarotti: After 35 years of marriage, the great tenor left his wife, Adua, for a new love, His relationship with Nicoletta

Mantovani has altered the lives of

everyone around him Page 17

Melvyn Bragg: "One of Lean's strengths was his clarity of vision, especially his vision about his heroes — and all his films are about heroes, usually British, men of qualities now thought comical if recognised at all".... Page 18

Christmas treat: The West Yorkshire Playhouse's production of The Pirates of Pensance offers a merrier mid-winter entertainment than any panto...... Wisdom of a beer: Winnie-the-

Posh has become a goru to every-one from philosophers to Lam case from princepps.
scholars as a new promotion is
Page 19 Musical high: The Royal Opera's

new production of Britten's Paul Bunyan is a revelation, says Rodney Milnes.

Preview: Dr Phil Hammond's new acronym in Trust Me. I'm a Doctor (BBC2, 8.00pm). Review: Matthew Bond on Helen Mirren and Marianne Faithfull Pages 46, 47

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TYLISTIN

Middle class interest The new rule, it seems, will be that

welfare should be seen as a safety net rather than an entitlement, taking it back to the real meaning of "social security"......Page 21

Hope for Christmas

The taboos that still surround prostate cancer have done its sufferers no favours. This year, as part of its Christmas Charity Appeal, The Times asks you to give generously to a project which will highlight a cancer that kills 11,000 men in Britain each year ...

A famous draw

England showed at Twickenham that fortune favours the bold, the fit and the determined Page 21

COLUMNS WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Newt Gingrich thinks his own thoughts, which tend to be both original and provocative, and then tries to persuade the electorate he is right. For this, he is admired and disliked to an almost equally high degree

ROBIN COOK

Bosnia barely functions as a nation, let alone one able to deal on equal terms with the democracies of Europe. But our goal at last looks to be within reach ...

PETER RIDDELL What irritates me is the Govern-

ment's underlying attitude, the attempt to take the politics out of the inherently political, typified by the use of the word "People" _ Page 20

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John Major on Royal Opera House report: press freedom and the Human Rights Bill

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TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

ARTS From medieval villain to dignified hero: how the years have changed Shylock

LAW Hungry for hanging: the noose tightens on Death Row in Jamaica



Jockey Club Britain has insulted Italy, which is

represented in the British EU presidency logo by - pizza. It shows that although the British have a great deal of affection for Italy, they do not take it seriously La Repubblica

Football: Chelsea, the holders,

have been drawn at home to

Manchester United, the FA Carling

Premiership champions, in the out-

standing tie of the FA Cup third

Boxing: Herol Graham is on

course for a world title bout early

next year after his victory over

Vinny Pazienza in a super-middle-

Rugby Union: Lawrence Dallaglio

led England to a 26-26 draw with

New Zealand at Twickenham that

lifted the soul and suggested that

much has been learnt during the

national team's recent four-match

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with nearly 22 overs to spare in

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Rowing: Greg Searle came of age

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Racing: Christopher Spence, the

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the east of Scotlant's and England will be mostly dry with surnry spells and a lew lectated showers. Elsewhere any surnry spells will be short-leved, and some of the showers heavy. Frequent and heavy showers over Northern interest end this west and north of Scotland, with hell and thunder possible, and winds close to gate force. Leter, steedler rain will return to northwest Scotland. Tondort, north and northwest stees will.

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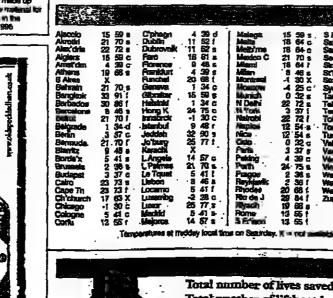
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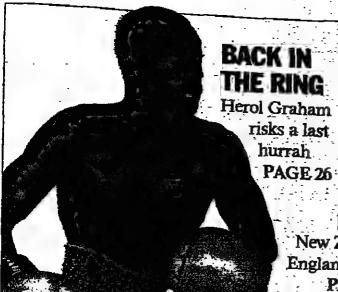
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Goliaths set for early showdown

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CHELSEA versus Manchester United At iast it was worth sitting through the televised hype that has become an unnecessary accompaniment to every football draw as the FA Cup-holders, Chelsea, were paired with the FA Carling Premiership champions for a aumultuous third-round tie that troly whets the appetite. With Rund Guilit's team United's closest challengers in the league. it would be hard to imagine a more.

mouth-watering clash. After the complications of groups, seeds and pools at the World Cop draw in Marseilles last week, it was a relief to return to the simple act of pairing two leams. The Football Association could not resist trying to dress the occasion up in

KIVOUT. Everton · VETSUS Newcastle United and the intriguing meeting of Tottenham Hotspur and renascent Fulham alen caught the eye, but none could distract from the Stamford Bridge colli-sion that will add

another twist to the two

teams' battle at the top of the Premiership. The draw, conducted at the FA's headquarters in Lancaster Gate, gives Chelsea, the chance to avenge their 1994 Cup Final and 1996 semi-final defeats. The sides. have met once in the league this season.
United coming from behind to draw 2-2 at

Dennis Wise, who captained Chelsea to victory at Wembley last season, believes the holders will relish a game that is sure to be one of the weekend's televised fixtures. "It's at home, so that is good," he said, "We've always done well against them, so we're looking forward to it. I: think they will be a little bit disappointed, especially that they have to play us at our place. It will be interesting.

Apart from the clash of the top two. there are four other all-Premiership ties -- County at home to Southampton, Barnsley against Bolton Wanderers and Newcastle away to Everton.

Newcastle away to Everton.

The troop was not lost on the injured Newcastle striker, Alan Shearer, who made the draw with the former England international, Nar Lothouse. It was in a low-key pre-season friendly at Goodison Park than Shearer suffered the serious andle injury that has prevented him from playing since. I won't be going back there, he joked as Newcastle's name came out of the bowl.

Perhans most inscinating will be the

Perhaps most fascinating will be the meeting at White Hart Lane where Touenham, struggling to avoid relegation and humiliated 6-1 by Chelsea on Saturday under the new leadership of Christian s, will meet a Futham side being cally, and expensively, rebuilt by

Kevin Keegan and Ray Wilkins. The duo have aiready spent more than £4 million of Mohamed Al Fayed's money in their ambitious attempt to lift the club from the Nationwide League second division into the Premiership, and the trip to Tottenham will give

them a good idea of how far they have come. Tottenham's north London rivals, Arsenal, have a home tie with Port Vale, who lie in mid-table in the first division:

Of the non-League sides left in, several could face Premiership opponents if they can win their second-round replays. Emicy, who drew 2-2 at Lincoln City on Saturday, could travel to Upton Park to meet West Ham United and Ilkeston Town will visit Crystal Palace if they can improve on their I-I draw at Scunthorpe.

Keith Alexander, manager of Ilkeston, who are second in the midland division of the Dr Martens League, said: "It would be... a great day out for the club and fans but promotion is our priority. Nobody will remember the Cup run if we fail to go up." Basingstoke Town will visit Leicester City if they beat Northampton Town in a



'I believe we could and should have won'

Lawrence Dallaglio, the

England captain, says that the draw with New Zealand could prove to be a turning point for domestic rugby

THIS HAS been a watershed for English rugby because it's a different game to the one that many leading players are used to on a weekly basis. It has been drawn out long enough for everyone to realise that is how the game has to be played. We have shown, in part, that we are capable of doing that — now we have to build on it and get better and I feel this England side will do that.

On this journey, we have shown the ability to listen to what is being said and implement that on the field, so, to that extent, it's no great surprise that our last performance has been our best one. That first half was a reflection of the way that we wanted to play. We wanted more width in the game and the thing that pleased me most was that we kept hold of the ball. That gives you the ability to put sides under pressure, no

matter who you are playing against. It has been tough playing these four matches [against Australia, South Africa and twice against New Zealand), but it has opened everyone's eyes to what is required. The base fitness level is not what it needs to be to sustain that game,

TV Action Replay. Erica Wagner Epic England

but the players can build on that. New Zealand stepped their game up in the second half and, for 25 minutes, we were under enormous pressure — but we have to learn to absorb that because, in the nature of the game under modern laws, good sides will keep possession. We did that and put points on the board - three tries is more than we scored in the previous three games put together and I believe that we could, and should, have won. We have yet to learn how to kill sides off.

The message at half-time was not to defend the lead, but to go on attacking, even if it did not seem like that. The worst thing to have done would have been to sit back on our [14-point] lead.

in the second half, we turned ball over a bit too much and I was guilty once of kicking the ball away when it was on to handle. Anything outside our own 22, we must keep the ball in hand, build fifth, sixth and seventh phase play and get into the opposition. When we did that, even the All Blacks' back three

looked vulnerable all of a sudden.
Yet, out of the four games we have played, this was the most satisfying and the commitment over four weeks has been fantastic. We have the manpower; now we have to create the environment in which we can play successfully. We have to start structuring our season on our terms, establish what is best for England, so that we can move forward not merely to match the likes of New Zealand and South Africa, but to





BOXING: VETERAN LIKELY TO EARN THIRD ATTEMPT AT WORLD TITLE AFTER UNIMPRESSIVE VICTORY

Graham in line for crowning glory

BOXING CORRESPONDENT

HEROL GRAHAM is on course for a world championship bout early next year after his win over Vinny Pazienza. of the United States, at Wembley Arena on Saturday to retain his World Boxing Council (WBC) international supermiddleweight title with a unanimous points decision.

Graham and his promoter. Frank Maloney, said that they will be happy to challenge Robin Reid, of Runcorn, the WBC champion, or Joe Calzaghe, of Wales, who holds the World Boxing Association belt, but Frank Warren, who promotes the two champions. has said that he is not interested in Graham. Therefore, it is most likely that Graham will meet Charles Brewer, of the United States, the International Boxing Federation champion in Sheffield in

While Brewer has a punch. he does not have a chin. so. after a career lasting 19 years. Graham could finally lift the world title that he came so close to winning against Mike McCallum in 1989 and Julian Jackson in 1990.

It would be a fitting conclusion to the career of a man who was Britain's best boxer in the Eighties, but one can only view with some trepidation his courage and determthe big pay-day and the world title that should have been his

a long time ago. The bout on Saturday produced little solid boxing. It was a chance for Graham to sell himself to the American public, for the bout is going to be shown on USA Television. the main boxing channel in the United States — but he did not take it. Throughout, he remained unable to commit himself to a fight unless forced to. It was only Pazienza's posturing and late rushes that -brought the bout to life and excitement to the smallest crowd for a boxing promotion



Graham, right, lands a blow to Pazienza's head during their super-middleweight title bout at Wembley Arena. Photograph: Mark Thompson / Alisport

Brendon ingle, Graham's former trainer, watched the bout on television with some concern for his former charge's health. "He's no longer the same fighter." Ingle said yesterday. "He shouldn't be fighting after being away for years. He could get seriously

"I made him the winner by ten rounds, but he showed little and Pazienza couldn't do much either because he's a shot fighter anyway. When it was all over, you could see the relief on all cheered because they were relieved as well, because every time Pazienza came close to hitting him on the chin, it was panic-button time for Herol."

It is clear that Graham has little left in him to continue boxing with any authority. He knows it, too. At his age, he does not have the reflexes, stuck in. That is why he does not have positive views about his chances against men such as Calzaghe and Reid. While he might just manage to outsmart Reid, it is unlikely that

three Graham, a southpaw, was

lucky that Pazienza was not able to find the way past his leading hand early on. When the American did break through, in the eighth, ninth and tenth rounds, Graham retreated in confusion and was in danger of being stopped. Had the bell not come to his rescue in the tenth, it would have been all over.

Even though Graham was winning clearly, he never looked happy at the thought of

few punches landed in the first five rounds, which Graham took simply by doing more than his opponent. It was only in the sixth that Graham landed the first good blow, a left hook that left Pazienza staggering. Now and then, an uppercut and a hook of the old Graham flowed, but they were not in sufficient quantities to confirm a revival.

can in a brawl. As a result,

As the bout entered the middle rounds, it became clear that a well-placed punch from the American could, at

way. What was particularly depressing about Graham was his lack of nerve to commit himself. He relied on feeble flicks to keep Pazienza out. Even when he had the American in trouble against the ropes, his left eye almost closed, Graham stood back. The memory of the bout

that left him senseless on the floor as he came in to finish off Jackson six years ago in Spain, as well as the blow from Howard Eastman that knocked him out in the gymnasium before his come-

Ageing warrior still pursues elusive dream

veryone wanted to be Herol Graham's friend again. He was a somebody with a future, instead of a nobody with a past. There was even a solitary autograph hunter waiting for him in the shadows of the multi-storey car park as midnight approached.

Boxers, young enough to be his son, ignored the jobsworths attempting to clear Wembley Arena. Respect, man, respect" said one, gently punching Graham's closed fist. "Slick, dude, slick," said another. "One for the old guys," said a third.

Was I all right?, was I?" Graham asked, with a child-

like vulnerability that exposed the superficiality of the studied poses being struck around him. Men who once refused to return his telephone calls slapped him on the back. They spoke of world titles, of contacts and contracts. They promised redemption, rather than ridicule.

More than an hour had passed since Graham sustained his comeback by beating a caricature of misogyny called Vinny Pazienza. He was still wearing his plaid boxing trunks, scuffed red boots and a bloodstained T-shirt impregnated with the sour smell of stale sweat.

Next year, Graham's twenti-

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Michael Calvin hears what is driving

Graham on, apart from the money

offer him a final chance to avoid the stigma of being the best British fighter never to have won a world title. He is, to use his own phrase "38 going on 28", but the fear is that he will find himself 48,

going on 78. Bitter experience cannot prevent his senses being heightened by dangerous emotions. "You know what I missed most of all ?" he said, recalling the darkest days, when he was refused a licence

eth in professional boxing, will to box by the British Board of Control. "The adulation. OK, we all need the money, but

that's really why we do this.
"The buzz of standing there. when the final bell goes, is just brilliant. You close your eyes and listen to the crowd. You know what they want from you and you know that you've given them what they want. Nothing can replace the sort of feeling I got out there tonight."

It was not without its price. In the short term, Graham is a puppet. He posed naked, apart from the meaningless bauble of his World Boxing Council international belt, to assist a promotional campaign that would have disgraced the warped mind of a dysfunction-

In the long term, there are still those who insist he is a tragedy waiting to happen. He may have the washboard stomach of a younger man, but he is over-reliant on reflexes that wither with age. His friendly, articulate manner merely emphasised the polgnancy of the threat.

Life's a risk, isn't it?" he said when confronted by the potential calamities of cumu-lative punishment. "The fact they wouldn't give me my licence for so long may even work out in my favour. I know

my time is limited. People were sceptical, but I knew I had it in me. Patience is a virtue, my greatest strength."

Graham is a bad television movie waiting to be produced. He was an identikit local hero. an icon in a disadvantaged community. An emotional man, who boxed with the stylish caution of a matador and spoke with a dreamlike candour, he was a Pied Piper to boys schooled on the backstreets of Sheffield.

A young Yemeni, Naseem Hamed, watched him in St Thomas' gym, in the scruffy suburb of Wincobank, from the age of seven. Hamed flies to the United States today, to



defend his world title, as the embodiment of Graham's unfulfilled dreams. He is a multimillionaire, a man who has bucked the system that en-

slaves his former idol. Graham's decline can be traced to a single right-hand punch, by Julian Jackson. when he was on the verge of winning the world title in 1990. His life was splintered by envy. He brooded on the money he had misplaced.

Loans, given to supposed friends, were not repaid. A jewellery business failed. An alternative career, in pantomime and children's television, was stillborn. His next plan, to qualify for a teacher training course by taking Olevels in maths and English, was put on hold when his comeback was controversially senctioned.

There are few happy endings in boxing. It is inherently exploitative, ultimately self-deexponsive, unimately seri-de-structive. Graham is allowed only marginally more dignity than the ring girls, who parad-ed wearing red latex, or three balls of cotton wool.

"Our job is get this man money," Frank Maloney, the man responsible for a promotion that glorified violence and sexual subjugation, said, Graham, sitting next to him, stared ahead impassively. "I just want to be a champion," he said, later. Then I get my money and I get out . . .

Hong Kong title falls to Nobilo

■ GOLF- Frank Nobilo, of New Zealand, won the Hong Kong Open yesterday to complete the first back to back successes of his career. Nobilo, winner of the Mexico Open on his previous outing, had a 68 in the final round to win by five strokes from Kang Wook-soon, of South Korea, who was the leading player on the Asian PGA Tour last year. Nobilo began badly, dropping two strokes in the first three holes, but opened up a decisive lead with an eagle at the 493-yard 9th hole and a birdie at the 10th. "That's the first time I have backed up one tournament win with another and it feels great," Nobilo

Greg Chalmers, who began the last round four strokes behind Robert Allenby and Stuart Appleby, took the £300,000 Players' Championship in Brisbane yesterday, his first win on the Australasian Tour. After a final round of 68, he finish at 12 under par, one shot ahead of the reigning Australian Masters champion, Peter Lonard. Chalmers, who played the last nine holes in 31, had an eagle at the 11th and a birdie at the 17th, helped by a favourable bounce off a television tower.

Costly slip by Olsson

■ BORSLEIGH: Sean Olsson, of Britain, lost his top-timee place in the World Cup standings yesterday after a poor econd run in the four-man competition in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. Olsson and his Zanussi crew of Dean Ward, Courtney Rumbolt and Paul Attwood, clocked the fourth-fastest time on the opening run of 53.80sec. They began the final run with the second best start-time of 4.84sec and were in a medal position until it all went wrong as Olsson lost control in the middle section. He finished sixteenth overall and slipped from second to sixth in the standings.

Taylor takes his chance

E CYCLENG: Ian Taylor, a specialist mountain biker ranked eleventh in England, made a solo attack before the halfway point to win the 13-mile South of England cyclo-cross title at Southampton yesterday. Taylor, who was forced into the pits to change a wheel at one point, covered the seven-lap, mixed terrain circuit in 57min 50sec. Second, 39 seconds behind. was Dean Barnett, an early leader until he was hampered by a broken shoe plate. Roger Hammond, the titleholder, who begins his professional career in Europe next month. withdrew before the race because of illness.

Hingis mastered

THOUSE Anke Huber. right, of Germany, survived a match point to beat Martina Hingis, the world No 1, in a thrilling five-set final of the inaugural Masters of Champions lournament in Frankfurt vesterday. Huber, beaten by the Swiss in the group stage, looked to be down and out on several occasio but came through to win 2-6, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2, 7-5 and cellect



Cambridge inch ahead

■ ATHLETICE: Cambridge avenged last year's defeat in the University cross-country race on Wimbledon Common when Alex Hutchinson, a Canadian, took first place closely followed by Dan Leggate, last year's winner, and Huw Lobb. Cambridge now lead the series by \$4 wins to 53. Oxford continued their domination of the women's race however, with Katy Skorupsa, a junior international, Kelly Wilder and Clare Martin taking the top three positions.

Hinton's hat-trick

I MICHY UNION: North Midlands celebrated their fortieth season of colts rugby by Winning the county championship final 29-21 against Gloucestershire at Twickenham on Saturday. Three of their four tries were scored by Leigh Hinton, the Museley fly half. Gloucestershire established an early advantage, with H points coming from the boot of Ben Boseley, before North made sure of the game midway through the second half.

Belles recapture lead

■ FOOTBALL: Doncaster Belles went back to the top of the women's premier league after a 3-1 victory at Croydon yesterday. Belies came back from a goal down, with Karen Walker scoring twice and Vicky Exley hitting a superb solo goal. Arsenal secured a 2-1 victory away to Liverpool FC Ladies with goals from their England pair, Natasha Daly and Carol Harwood.

Fuller goes solo

ERUGBY FIVES: Ian Fuller, ten times the national doubles champion, won his first national singles title at 44 when he overcame Neil Roberts, the defending champion in the final. Fuller having won the first game comfortably, Roberts came back at him in the second, but at 10-10 Faller broke his opponent's resistance and won five points in as many rallies to take the title.

HOCKEY: PREMIER DIVISION TITLE-HOLDERS SLIP BACK TO SIXTH AFTER NARROW DEFEAT

Crutchley's five goals stretch Cannock's lead

WHILE Cannock drew four points clear at the top of the premier division in the National League yesterday, Reading, the title-holders, dropped to sixth position after losing 4-3 to Old Loughtonians.

A five-goal haul in two days by
Crutchley took his total to 2l, one
behind Nicol, of Surbiton, as Cannock

blazed their way to a 5-0 home win against Barford Tigers and a 6-1 away victory over Doncaster. Jason Lee scored three goals from open play for Old Loughtonians with Scott Smith adding to the score. Pearn

replied with two goals for Reading and Slay chipped in from a short corner.

East Grinstead pushed themselves up to second position with a 6-2 home victory against Hounslow. Barnes scored from open play for East Grinstead and added another goal from a short corner.

After defeating East Grinstead 2-0 on Saturday, Teddington were leading Southgate 3-1 yesterday with 16 minutes left. Two goals by Woods from

short corners, however, enabled Southgate to square the match at 3-3.

All Teddington's goals were scored by Conway. In the nineteenth minute he rounded off a long run by Kermode, increased the lead from a short corner six minutes after the interval, and hit the target again a minute after Simons had converted a penalty stroke for Southgate, whose match on Saturday against Hounslow was postponed. One of the umpires, Ray Allen, was involved in a road accident and could

not reach the venue in time. Canterbury's challenge was somewhat hampered on Saturday by the loss of Triggs, their goalkeeper, who was injured in the match against Old Loughtonians and taken to hospital. The score was 4-4 when Triggs left the field and Canterbury lost 7-4 with a substitute goalkeeper. Canterbury's luck changed at Guildford yesterday where they won 6-2

Surbiton and Havant shared the lead in the first division by the end of play yesterday.

the champions take their tally to 46 goals in eight matches. The Great

Gallant Doncaster fail to halt Slough's surge

By Cathy Harris

NO CLUB has scored more goals than Britain pair, MacDonald and Slough, who are also the only side that can boast a 100 per cent record, as the women's national league moves into the mid-winter break, and they tightened their grip on the premier division with a comfortable 5-1 win at

Rarely threatened and always dominant, their impressive line-up of internationals has blown away the opposition. Only Clifton can catch them and that is a tall order.

Miller, the Clifton's captain and England and Great Britain midfield player, said: "If we were three points behind Slough, it may be possible to overhaul them, but because we're five adrift, it's extremely difficult as we'd have to rely on other teams taking points off them and I can't see that happening."

Doncaster restricted Slough to a slender 1-0 lead at the interval, but a familiar goal spree after the break saw

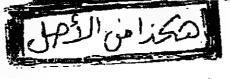
Nicholls, each scored a brace with the three-times Olympian, Brown, netting a penalty corner two minutes from

Marston-Smith cominued her prolific form with another hat-trick for Clifton. who came from behind to beat Trojans.
5-1. Martin and Rayden completed the scoring as Marston-Smith. with 13goals, stepped up her challenge to Nicholls (14) as the leagues leading scorer.

Leicester kept alive their hopes of an immediate return to the premier division when they extended their unbeaten run at the head of the first division with a 3-0 win at Wimbledon. A first-half goal by Knott and penalty corner goals after the break by Holwell and Miller, one of five current England players in

the Leicester squad, sealed victory. In the second division, Woking, who drew 0-0 with Ealing, regained pole position after Old Loughtonians slipped to third spot after their 2-0 defeat at





Rain puts

dampener

on India's

hopes

By Our Sports Staff

RAIN, once again,

washed away India's

hopes of securing a victory

in their three-match series

against Sri Lanka yester-

day when the final day of

the final Test in Bombay was brought to a prema-ture end. India had re-

duced the touring side to 166 for seven in their

second innings after tea when a light drizzle stopped play with 12 overs still to be bowled. The result was a draw,

just as in the previous two Tests, Sri Lanka having staved off defeat at Mohali, while the second

Test, at Nagpur, was washed out after just one

Hashan Tillekeratne (18) and Chaminda Vaas (0)

were at the crease attempting to frustrate the India spin bowlers, Anil

Kumble and Rajesh Chauhan, when the um-

pires called off the match. Both bowlers claimed

three wickets each, but

could not help India achieve the victory that

Sri Lanka, needing 333

to win, had resumed on six

and their opening batsmen, Sanath Jayasuriya and Marvan Atapattu, put

on 51 in the first hour. By

the end of the morning session, however, both

men had gone. Atapattu

fell to a catch in the deep

off Chauhan for 31 and Jayasuriya went in similar fashion to Kumble for 37.

On 87 for two at lusch.

Sri Lanka moved to 106

before Aravinda de Silva

was caught by Chauhan off Srinath for 18 and

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fore tea to a controversial

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Pakistan Opening pair pile on agony

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

AAMIR SOHAIL and liaz Ahmed, the Pakistan opening batsmen, hit contrasting centuries to heap more embarrassment on West Indies on the second day of the third and final Test in Karachi yesterday.

Their 298-run partnership, a record for Pakistan's first wicket against West Indies, helped their side to 327 for one, a lead of III, before bad light forced an early close.

In Georgetown, Guy-ana, in 1977, Pakistan's first wicket did not fall until 219 runs had been scored, but three batsmen were involved — Majid Khan (167) and Zaheer Abbas (80) adding 159 after Sadiq Mohammad (22) had retired hurt with the score at 60.

Yesterday was the first time in 243 Tests that both Pakistan openers had scored centuries in the same innings. Aamir struck a dashing 160 and ljaz a more watchful 127 not out. Aamir, who had ended a run of 17 Tests without a century by scoring 160 in the second Test in Rawalpindi, faced 254 balls and hit 21 fours in an innings lasting just under

"It is a beautiful batting pitch and I am disappointed at missing out on my second double century," against England in 1992,

West Indies gained their solitary success on a demoralising day when Aarnir was leg-before as he missed a pull when Chanderpaul's leg spin was pressed into service.

ljaz, opening in place of Saced Anwar, who is nursing a stiff neck, grafted his way to his eighth century in 42 Tests. So far, he has hit a six and II fours from

"I have been short of runs and when I went in it was in my mind to score a century. I am elated," ijaz,

The batsmen found few problems against the fourpronged pace attack.
Courtney Walsh, the West Indies captain, tried everybreakthrough, but not until Azmir started hitting some wild shots after tea did a wicket look likely.

Pakistan won the first two Tests by an innings and victory here would gain them the first clean sweep over West Indies achieved by any country for 69 years.

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Warwickshire's Brown takes seven wickets in warm-up matches

England continue in winning vein

ENGLAND beat Pakistan A with nearly 22 overs to spare here yesterday. It followed opponents on Friday, when they had to work rather hard-er for their success. Adam Hollioake, who is

making a habit of such things, hit the winning runs after England had lost five wickets, about three more than they should have done. Knight and Ben Hollioake were run out and Hick pulled a long hop to mid-wicket. After these collywobbles, the captain decided that, with Thorpe poking about at the other end, the silliness had to stop.

Stewart, with great fluency of stroke, set England on their way with 33 and Knight also timed the ball well until Butt, fielding his own bowling, checkly threw down the stumps at the non-striker's

So well did England bowl in the morning, however, that they did not really get the full value of batting second under lights. Instead, they stayed behind afterwards for some additional practice in conditions similar to those that they can expect to find later this

Bowling first this time, though no toss was called, they ran through the Paki-stanis for 117 inside 39 overs. There were three early wickets for Dougie Brown, three late ones for Robert Croft and, in between, two each for Ben Hollioake and Mark Ealham, who gave away only 17 runs in ten overs and was named man of the match.

If England had a man of the week, it would probably be Brown, who took seven wickets in the two games, all but two of them with the new ball. Yesterday, he was successful in his first and second overs, as Stewart held catches behind the wicket, and struck a third time in his sixth over, when Stewart caught another.

With five Surrey players in the side, it was proving difficult to keep them out of the action. No sooner had Hollicake minor replaced Martin than Thorpe, at slip, and



Brown, the England spearhead, yells an appeal against Nascer Ahmed, who was caught behind

Stewart, once again, were holding catches to give him wickets. Only Youhana, who made 39, took the game to England until Farhat, the wicketkeeper, played a few shots towards the

Brown, 28, has taken his chance with both hands and is improving with the years. In retrospect, it may have been wiser to select him for the A. tour that goes to Kenya and

makik wauch soored ins elevend

one-day international century in typical-

New Zealand by three wickets with two

balls to spare at the Adelaide Oval

There were some late alarms for

Australia, who were beaten by South Africa in their opening World Series game, after they had looked to be cruising home at 202 for one, 59 runs

short of victory with more than 13 overs

left. The dismissal of Mark Waugh, who

made 104 off 113 balls, started a collapse

that saw five wickets fall for 57 runs.

spectacular fashion as Australia beat

Sri Lanka early in the new year because it is likely that he will be summoned to join the party that completes the West indies tour with five one-day internationals. Nor will he be alone. If this team plays decently in Sharjah - and there is a good "feel" to it -England have the makings of z one-day side independent of

They have found a nice

balance in the bowling. Be-sides Brown, who has the knack of taking early wickets. Ealham showed his mastery of deceit in this type of cricket. He mixed slower balls and yorkers and curved the ball away from the line of middle stump. The elder Hollicake is another clever chappie and Fleming, who was absent yesterday with sore ribs, is a

Australia squeeze home thanks to Waugh

It has proved a worthwhile trip, however brief. The Pakistan authorities laid on excellent practice facilities and the team hotel was absolutely top notch. Even though England won both games fairly easily, there was nothing second-rate about the opposition. The players had obviously practised diligently in Manchester

New Zealand, who won the toss.

made 260 for seven after an aggressive

opening stand between Nathan Astle

and Matthew Horne. They were

particularly savage on McGrath.

whose first four overs cost 32 runs.

was 77 and Astle went on to make 66

before he was dismissed. There were

good contributions further down the

order from Stephen Fleming, the

captain, who made 6l, and Roger Twose who hit 26 runs late in the

The likely composition of the Eng-

The first wicket fell when the score

Total (38,3 overs) :

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-72, 3-84, 4-97,

"We have been royally en-tertained." David Graveney, the team manager, said. He can give a good report to the England and Wales Cricket Board, which is rebuilding board. The Under-19 and A teams have come here in recent years and, with mistrust giving way to goodwill, England's senior team should enjoy the challenge of Test cricket here in three years

On Saturday, an intrepid group, including five players led by Adam Hollioake, ventured off on rickshaws to explore the old part of this famous city and visited the mighty fort in the heart of it. There, and outside the nearby mosque, where upwards of 75,000 people can gather, they mingled with the locals, who are always curious to see white faces, and posed happily for photographs.

There was also some unintentional humour. When David Lloyd heard that a crowd of Wembley propor-tions could assemble at the

for the limi

land Linder-19 side

bowling team-mates.

Sussex, made 52.

Under-19 next week became clearer

after the second day of the three-day

match against Boland. Graeme

Swann, of Northamptonshire, the off-

spinner, and Chris Schofield, of

Lancashire, the leg-spinner, looked far more threatening than their seam

However. Boland finished the day

on 182 for three, 111 behind England, who were bowled out for 293 just before lunch. Giles Haywood, of

were now intent on avoidcaptain, was bowled by Chauhan for L2, Kumara Dharmasena was caught at silly point by Azha-ruddin off Kumble for eight and Lanka de Silva slip by Venkalesh Prasi to give Kumble his third international against South Africa

> Then the rain came and the match was abandoned as a draw, as was the series. Sachin Tendulkar. the India captain, said afterwards: "My bowiers had struck rhythm and brought India close to a win." Ranatunga said that life for his batsmen was difficult at the wicket.

SQUASH

Jansher's decline ⁶hastened by Nicol

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN IN BOMBAY

Helsinki to Heliopolis, were

dropping off the pace from day

one here. Even the world

champion, Rodney Eyles, of Australia, conceded one game

sodden with perspiration to

in the final, Jansher, plainly

not fully recovered from a long

match against Jonathon Pow-

er, of Canada, in the semi-finals, was blocking and delaying from the very first rallies. "I am not giving any cheap strokes here," the refer-ee, Chas Evans, of New Zea-land, told him early on when

land, told him early on when

refusing anything more than a

let on the exaggerated and delayed backswing that has

regularly earned the Pakistani

easy points and short restful

kept the pair working and

even issued a conduct warning

to Jansher for deliberately wasting time. As Jansher. 28, wilted in the fourth game, the

economical movement of the

vounger man was still carry-

ing him at full power around

The Scot has now beaten

Jansher the past four times

they have met, including a

£3,000 head-to-head challenge of the sort that the world No I

used to regard as light break-

fast fare, and there was a

strong feeling here after the

final that Jansher's legend may have moved into its

"I have worked so long and

so hard for that," Nicol said.

The World Open will be on

this court, at this venue, next

year. I guess that establishes

the shape of 1998 for me."

terminal phase.

the court.

rallies in recent years. True to his promise, Evans

allow safe movement.

PETER NICOL'S year could scarcely have generated a finer conclusion. Holding aloft the massive silver trophy that comes with the Mahindra Challenge title, he surveyed the 2.000 supporters who had come to the Cricket Club of India to witness his third successive victory in theevent and arknowledged that this might be the turning point of two careers - his and Jansher

Nicol beat the world No I 9-15, 15-9, 9-15, 15-12, 15-5 in 96 minutes, taking charge after trailing 8-5 in the fourth game. The Scot, 24, has an extraordi--aary tolerance for the heat and umidity of this seaboard city. where even the locals were complaining last week of the unseasonal high temperatures that reigned late into the nights of activity on the transparent Perspex court mounted on the pitch of this famous cricket arena.

Other players, all well used to the extremes of a PSA World Tour that plays from



SNOOKER

Pressure on Hendry to succeed

FROM PHIL YATES

STEPHEN HENDRY, who has not won an overseas world ranking tournament since the 1994 European Open in Antwerp, needs to end that surprisingly barren spell at the German Open this week to silence those who claim that his domination of the game is drawing to a close. By reaching the final of the Liverpool Victoria United Kingdom championship eight days ago. Hendry in-creased his lead in the updat-ed Embassy world rankings to 9,755 points - hardly evidence of a deepening crisis yet Hendry's detractors say defeats by Ken Doberty, in the final of the world championship in May, and by Ronnie O'Sullivan, with the United Kingdom championship title at stake, suggest otherwise.

Hendry has not won a ment since the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters in March, his past four appearances in finals have resulted in defeat, he was beaten in the first round of the Grand Prix in October and, most startling of all, has constructed only one century break in competition this season.

If he is to regain the winning habit in Bingen, he will be forced to do it the hard way. His rival for a place in the quarter-finals will be Jimmy White, whose form has improved considerably. O'Sullivan, attempting to

defend a title successfully for the first time in his career. plays James Wattana, of Thai-land, tonight.

ROWING

Australia deran arsertively and

Michael Di Venuto, who made 77, and

Mark Waugh shared an opening stand.

of 156. However, New Zealand

bounced back to dismiss Adam

Gilchrist, for 29, Greg Blewett, for nought, Ian Harvey, for three, Steve

Waugh, for seven, and Shane Warne,

Michael Bevan was stranded at the

non-striker's end on 25, but he was not

needed as Andrew Bichel came in

with two runs required and glided the first ball that he received to the

Searle passes test in tactical triumph

By MIKE ROSEWELL FOR many, Greg Scarle came of age as a sculler on Satur-

day, while Harry Mahon, his chief coach and a New Zea-lander; was at Twickenham. Searie, who converted to sculling from rowing only a year ago and has a Henley win and a world championship bronze medal to his credit already, was undertaking his first head-to-head race over the Putney to Mortlake championship course in the Thames World Challenge race of champions. He passed the test with honours. Before the five-abreast race, Searle confided his tactics of getting ahead and hitting a good rhythm". Getting ahead was not easy and, at the mile, Searle was only inches ahead of Merlin Vervoorn, of Hol-

land, the 1996 winner, Karsten

Nielsen, the world lightweight champion, from Denmark, and Martin Kettle, another

Briton. Giovanni Calabrese,

the champion of Italy, was

further adrift after some errat-

ic steering. Then Searle, on

burst to Hammersmith Bridge, where he led by 8sec. That done, Searle, the heaviest in the race at 96.8 kilos, settled into his "good he could not break completely clear and won by just beec from Nielsen. Kettle and Vervoorn. Almost as exhausted as he was when he won his first Olympic rowing gold medal in 1992, he said that his first experience of a 44-mile sculling race was "not much fun really, but I'm sure it's better if you win it".

Surrey, produced a classic

Kettle, the second-lightest competitor at 82.6 kilos, in spite of a hidden water bottle at the weigh-in, was a good third, not the "cannon-fodder" that he had spoken of before

Peter Haining, the triple world champion, founder of the race but a non-qualifier for the first time since 1993, the competitors after his first experience as an umpire.

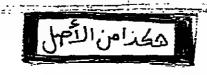




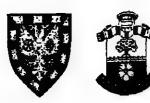
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Earle settles unsatisfactory encounter



WIMBLEDON 1 SOUTHAMPTON 0 By Brian Glanville

BLEAK stuff on a bleak afternoon. hardly enlivened by the persistent chants from Wimbledon's faithful few of: "We'll never go to Dublin." If this kind of games does go to Dublin, it is debatable whether Dublin will go to the Dons. Wimbledon probably deserved

their narrow victory. They did. after all, score a goal and might well have had a couple more in the second half with shots that were on target. Southampton, though they had three strikers on the field for most of the second half, did not once in that period force Neil Sullivan, in the Wimbledon goal, to make a save.
Wimbledon's goal arrived after

17 minutes, Staale Solbakken, their new Norwegian striker, who looks a shrewd, intelligent player, crossed from the right. Gayle got his head to it, Richardson failed to get it away and Robbie Earle, whose recent appearances have been as substitute for Jamaica. intervened to score.

There was little else to remember in a tedious first half. A powerful, long shot by Cort had Jones diving to save. There were a couple of interesting moments from Le Tissier, but sporadic is the most applicable abjective for his present performances and he was taken off early in the second

Was it a wise move? He had hit one shot from afar that had Sullivan turning the ball for a corner and, shortly before half-time, Le Tissier suddenly, in that cool and casual way of his, pivoted to hit a first-time shot on the bounce that caught Sullivan unawares, only for the ball to go





Wimbledon supporters make their feelings known, left, but at least they were cheered when an error by Richardson allowed Earle to score the only goal

The only other attempt of any real note by Southampton came early in the second half, when Palmer crossed and a volley by Davies was resourcefully blocked by Blackwell. For much of the second half, the long-legged Davies looked as if he might make something happen for Southamp-

ton. He is an intelligent as well as a physically strong player, moves well to either flank and uses the ball thoughtfully. However, even with three men up front, or perhaps because of that, he no

onger posed much of a threat. The surprise was that Wimbledon did not make greater use of

the wings, especially when they have such an expert in Michael make an excellent left-wing cross under pressure and Earle's header was blocked at the last gasp by

Memorable, too, was a thundering shot by Kimble, who had

come on as substitute for Cort. Earle turned the ball back neatly and Kimble's drive was turned over the bar by Jones. Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon

manager, said that, at present, there were two FA Carling Premierships. "At the moment," he said.

and say, we're top of the second half of the league! We'll get better, come Christmas who knows?"

The somewhat unusual substitution of Cort, a striker, with Kimble, a left back, Kinnear partially explained on the grounds that Cort was suffering from flu, and had begun to feel dizzy. It logical to have brought on another striker in Clarke.

David Jones, the Southampton manager, said: "You can't make schoolboy errors and that's what we did." It was still a little puzzling that Jones should decide to withdraw Le Tissier when his chief complaint was: You've got to deliver one ball in 90 minutes and they couldn't deliver one ball into

Le Tissier, even on an off day, is still capable of that. "Le Tiss has got himself into a bit of a rut. He's not having the best of times."

Jones said. "You've got to keep working at your game. He's got to do something special, like maybe score a goal or have a good game, to get out of it. Players play on confidence and, at the moment, he's a little bit low."

Commenting on the demonstra-

FA Cup draw Negri strikes Results and tables

tion by the supporters, Sam Hammam, the Wimbledon coowner, said: "I completely sympathise and concur with those feelings. If I was a fan. I would probably want to do the same thing. It's a tragedy, but we've had that tragedy for 20 years.

"I am cautiously optimistic that we can do something with our council. If we can, we will - but if we can't do that, we will continue to prepare for Dublin. What else can I say? I can't see such a move being before three or four years or having a decision before a year or 18 months - but it's something we need to look at seriously.

"I had what I consider to be a successful meeting with the leader jof Merton Borough Council and I am cautiously optimistic that something can happen."

Coppell's pride in contrasting virtues

story in one of the papers on Saturday that a club in Serie A Neil Shipperley, the Palace Crystal forward. Farfetched? Even

Steve Coppell. his manager. described Shipperley after this match in terms that suggested

faint praise, such as "hard-working". Coppell saved adjectives "subtle" for Michele such as Padovano, the former Juventus player, who moved from Italy to South London last month. However, if the rumours of

closer links between Palace and Juventus prove accurate, who knows what may happen? Picture the scene in the office of Marcello Lippi, the Juventus coach: "Ah, come in, Mr Del Piero, have a seat. We're thinking of seconding you to our South Norwood branch for a few weeks; for the experience, you know. A chap named Simon Rodger is coming over here to have a go at your job."

Such were the flights of fancy that occupied the mind during the duller stretches at Filbert Street on





LEICESTER CITY 1 **CRYSTAL PALACE 1** By Nick Szczepanik

crossbar from close range. His body language registered disbelief, as it did when he was later withdrawn while Shipperley staved on. Nevertheless, Padovano's first

first moment of

activity came

after 13 minutes.

when Padovano

goal for Palace, a low, angled drive between Keller and his near post three minutes before half-time. looked likely to win the day, despite the early dismissal of Edworthy for a kick at Ullathorne. "I was so proud of what they did. It's a word I don't often use in football management," Coppell said. "Sixty-odd minutes with ten men was a tremendous effort."

Shipperley could have made it even better on the hour, when Warhurst's pass gave him a chance, but Keller blocked his low shot and, in the final minute, Muzzy Izzet was allowed to collect a short corner before bending a right-foot shot beyond Miller to deny Palace their sixth FA Carling Premiership win of the season. "A great goal to equalise at a time when all looked lost," Martin O'Neill, the Leicester manager.

Padovano later accepted the tactical reason for his substitution. and spoke diplomatically of the differences between football in Italy and England. "When you concede a goal in the last minute, of course you call it bad luck," he said, "but we defended too deep. We should have continued doing what we did in the first half, but it's easier to say than to do when you are down to ten men." Not a bad appraisal. He might make a manager one day. Of Palace, perhaps. Or Juventus.

LEGESTER CITY (3-5-2): K Kelter — S Prior, M Elliott, P Kaarnerh — R Sevage, S Campbell (sub: S McMahon, 77mm), M Lennon, M Izzet, R Ulleticrner (sub: S Wilson, S1) — S Carridge (sub: J Watts, 62), G Fenton. CRYSTAL PALACE (3-5-2): K Miler — A Unigher, C Watts H Handlercon — M Enterprise F

New goalkeeper helps lift Everton out of the mire

HAD it not been for the heroics of both goalkeepers. Leeds United would have won this game comfortably. It was naturally easier to forgive the man charged with defence, but Nigel Martyn, the Leeds goalkeeper, ought to have known better than prevent his side going behind. Up against it, Leeds have been deadly in recent weeks. He dubiously refused to allow them that luxury.

To Martyn's anti-hero for Leeds, Thomas Myhre, from Norway, played the hero for Everton. His name will not be well known on Merseyside, but it could become so. He replaced Neville Southall, the club's veteran of well over 700 games, who was nursing sore ribs but could have played, and leapt around with all the enthusiasm of a man making his first appearance. He wanted to make his mark

But for him, Everton would surely have leaked goals again, yet he kept his finger firmly in the dyke. Teams at the foot of the FA Carling Premiership are supposed to lose to those in fourth place, but, heartened by the unquenchable spirit of their newcomer, Everton brought an end to their long run of defeats and lifted themselves off the bottom rung.

Myhre spoiled the home side's

come. There is a school of thought

in South Yorkshire that Ron

Atkinson has signed only a short

contract at Hillsborough because

he will hand over to Danny Wilson

Should Barnsley go down, Wilson will surely be allowed to move

on; should they remain in the

Premiership . . . well, surely he will

Wilson is pragmatic enough to know that a result at Hillsborough

is necessary if Barnsley are to survive. "Wednesday are going

at the end of the season.

be allowed to move on.

David Maddock

Watch closely the

handshake be-

tween the two

managers at the

end of this match.

It may just be a

taste of things to



LEEDS UNITED 0 EVERTON 0 By Simon Wilde

two choicest opportunities. The best came near the end, when Leeds, as is now customary, were at their most purposeful. Kewell had a golden opportunity to score from close range, but found his shot blocked on the line. The second-best chance came much earlier, in the eighth minute, when Wallace, with no one else to beat, hit Myhre on the legs. A few minutes later, Kewell was denied

with a reflex save. Arguably, though, the turning point of the game was not these nighly commendable efforts by the Everton newcomer, but the moment shortly before half-time when Martyn brilliantly saved a well-directed penalty from Gary Speed, a former Leeds player. Wetherall had hooked down Barmby after he had darted inside Leeds might have been roused to spectacularly in their three previous Premiership games. As it was, had little to shout about at half-

His side spent most of the second half looking more like Everton than Everton and finished grateful to have retained their long unbeaten home league record against Everton — which dates

Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, refused to lavish praise on Mylire, 24, who joined the club from Sarpsborg late last month. "It is difficult when Neville is available and you do not play him," he said. Thomas had played one reserve game for us.

"You could say it was a gamble or that he only lived up to his potential. I don't want to go overboard about him after one But Kendali's post-match body-

language was more eloquent than any words: he found it hard to stop hugging his new acquisition. LEEDS UNITED (44-2): N Marryn — G Halle, D Wortherst, L Radobe, D Robertson — G Kelly, L Bowyer (sub: J F Hassetbauet, Zerner). A I Hastend, B Roeko — H Kowell, R Waltoot. EVERTON (35-2): T Mylte — C Tier, D Watson, C Snot. — A Hischoffle, G Farrelly, G Speed, D Williameon, M Ward — D Ferguson, N Barmby, Gatenore P Durlete.



SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY V EMANSLEY

well now, but they are still down at the bottom and it is a chance for us to improve our position," he said. For Atkinson, the honeymoon is over. Barnsley at home is a no-win situation, a home banker that can go spectacularly wrong, as Liver-

pool discovered. The Wednesday

manager has problems, too. Atherton, his captain, is suspended and Niclas Alexandersson, his new signing, will also miss out. The Sweden international, purchased from IFK Gothenburg on Friday, did not receive international clear-

ance in time to play.

Atkinson, though, is untroubled.

"We have won three games in a row and there is a confidence in the squad to keep that going." SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (probable

Pressman — I Notara, J Newsome, D Walker, M embridge — G Wilfüngham, W Collins, J legiton, R Humphreys — A Booth, P of Canio, ARNSEEY (probable; 4-42; I. Leese — N anden, A de Zeeuw, P Markstack, D Bernard — M Ladock, J Bossmote, E Tinlder, N Redisam — A

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Wright rediscovers his golden touch

forforn players yelped: "It's the

gold smile I

want." She was refer-10 Wright and, after the forward's winning goal for Arsenal at St James' Park on Saturday, he did indeed have a smile so golden that

it lit up a sullen North East It was not just his fine dental work, either. Wright has been a troubled figure for two months, secretly fearing that his powers have ebbed away; Wright has been a Popeye without his spinach, a

goalscorer without a goal. He last scored on October 4 and already the obituaries had been written. Many thought that, at 34, Wright was yesterday's man. It took him 35 minutes to prove them wrong. It was a simple goal - a check in the box to lose his marker and then a late run to the near post to meet Bergkamp's cross from the left and steer it into the net from

"I was beginning to question myself," he said. "It wasn't the lack of goals as such, but the way I had played. There was a player out there leading the line, but it wasn't Ian Wright.

dose range.

'Against Liverpool, it all came to a head. Maybe I had lost confidence, but I wasn't doing what I should have been doing. I wasn't working hard and I hadn't earned the right to score goals. Our fans let me know and I sat down and had a long look at myself. I have changed things and I have now got a goal." After his goal, Wright set off on a drunken canter, his Arsenal shirt dragged over his head to reveal a I-shirt underneath displaying the

Before Saturday, the England forward seemed to have lost something of his aggressive edge since being embraced by Glenn Hoddle.



NEWCASTLE UNITED 0 ARSENAL 1 By David Maddock

conform. Whatnot that spite in his game that so often gives him delender. Against New-

tance has gener-

turned, with interest. He got into one quite spectacular tussle with Swart Pearce, an England colleague, that made the Newcastle defender see every shade of red. With mist clouding judgment. Wright danced by Pearce's wild challenge and

almost added a second goal in the second half, Inspired by Pearce's close and often intimidating attention. Wright looked a different player. It is too simplistic to merely say that the forward should retain his nasty streak, but Wright requires an edge to his game and aggression offers

So did the Newcastle defence. Once again, they conceded a goal by failing to command forwards around the penalty area. This time it was Pistone who dallied criminally to allow Bergkamp's cross to Wright. Kenny Dalglish, the New castle manager, must be driven to distraction by such generosity.

It was not a classic game and with Wright reduced and Asprilla returning from injury, a mistake was always the most likely source of a goal. Lucky for Arsenal, then. that the Newcastle defence is so well equipped to provide one.

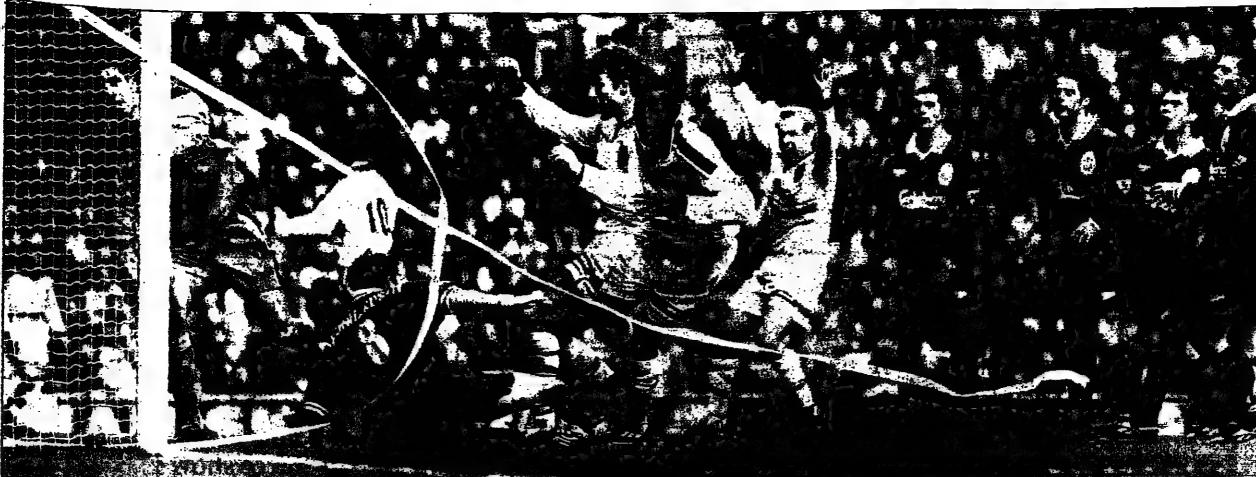
Daiglish spoke of his own culpability in his side's downfall, by playing Asprilla when the forward was still not match fit. The truth, though, is that there was nothing much to choose between two sides of limited depth in a fairly drab



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Cole turns away in triumph after his close-range finish had given Manchester United a 3-1 lead that underlined their dominance at Antielli or Saturday. Photograph: Shaun Botterill / Allsport

GHOST stories are all the rage on Merseyside. Vampires have been seen in Lodge Lane, apparitions in Wavertree and caped figures spotted flitting from grave to grave in a remetery off Longmoor Lane. On Saturday morning, at a kick-off time so early that the creatures of the night had hardly had time to glide back into the shadows, more than 40,000 people at Anfield got to watch a real, live haunting.

There, in this stadium that has een so many triumphs, so many rest afternoons and evenings of outhalling glory, the home supporters saw a living, moving, flowing vision of those great teams of the Seventies and Eighties, a reproduction of the sides that made Liverpool the club that was the envy of British football, a club so consistently dominant that everyone assumed their success would go on and on and on.

And, as they watched this Manchester United team that Alex Ferguson has built, this team stocked with confident, striding young idols such as David Beckham, Ryan Giggs and Nicky Burt, the poignancy the home

Anfield finds parade of ghosts from seasons past a disturbing experience

their greatest rivals brought the memories of their own former greatness flooding back and emphasised the futility of their own hopes for renewed conquests.

Liverpool are not a bad side, certainly not bad enough to be lying in eighth place in the FA Carling Premiership, but they have got to a stage now where, with their hopes of the championship fading with every week, their only hope of salvaging some pride comes from the chance of beating United.

On Saturday, they found out just how far short of that goal they were. The three goals that they conceded all came from poor defending, but, even without them, United had already proved themselves the bet-ter side, more confident, more incisive with the ball, quicker in their movement, parsimonious with misplaced passes where players the final whistle. As the Liverpool

Bjornebye were profligate. Liverpool worked hard. They pressed and they harried. They

have four outstanding players — McManaman, Fowler, Redknapp and Ince, when he returns from suspension — but that is not enough any more, not what they are used to or what they need. United have top quality in just about every position and, at this stage of the season, no one can live

The visiting supporters, of course, were quick to sense the dismay of the rival fans. "Three-one in your Cup Final," they taunted after Andy Cole, as sharp and as predatory as he has been for United, had put the game beyond doubt with his second and his



LIVERPOOL 1 MANCHESTER UNITED 3 By Oliver Holt Football Correspondent

supporters fled the stadium in the dying seconds, the refrain "Out-classed by the champions" assaulted their ears.

"If they continue to do what they are doing at the moment," Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, than this United team is now, but they are very successful and they have a real chance of doing well in

"Over all the years that we were successful, they were desperate to do us and the boot is on the other foot at the moment. We have got to strive to get closer to them. It is murder losing to them. It is possibly even worse than losing to Everton because we know they are our major rivals. You have got to give Fergie great credit, because he stuck in there when it wasn't going well. Since he stuck in there, he has brought them on leaps and bounds, the bastard."

Evans's face creased into a smile at that last appraisal of the United

Almost from the beginning, with Sheringham a font of asture lay-offs and ned-downs for Cole and with Giggs a constant threat down the test. United seemed superior.

What threat Liverpool produced usually stemmed from McManadeadlock six minutes before halftime when a sublime one-two with Fowler left him bearing down on Schmeichel. Rather than shoot, he hooked the ball across goal and it bounced tantalisingly across the six-yard box before being hooked to

Soon after half-time, though United took the lead. Kvarme dithered on the edge of his own area, Cole was on him in a flash,

past James. After 60 minutes, Liverpool equalised with a confi-dent Fowler penalty after Butt had brought Owen down, but United refused to be ruffled.

Beckham scored their second with a wonderfully executed freekick from the edge of the area after Matteo had brought down Cole and then Cole sealed Liverpool's fate with his second, a close-range prod after Sheringham had expertly flicked on a corner from Giggs. The goal was a microcosm of a partnership that appears to be developing into one of the most potent in the Premiership.

"At the moment, everything is rosy," Ferguson said, "but we are ady for the rainy day, too." On Merseyside, they will keep hoping they can stave off the downpour, but, as the glory days fade in the memory and United continue to emphasise their present advan-tage, some umbrellas are already going up.

eal. Perhans someone on the Bolton Wanderers bench, seeing Blackburn Rovers' II en making mince-meat of their 11. chought: "They do say it is harder to play prdered Alan Thompson to do the decent

thing and trot off. In which case, give credit where it is due, it. wearly worked. Bolton almost snatched a thraw from the jaws of defeat and nobody broke the party line afterwards that it was a bad decision ref, the lad should not have gone and, no, we are not going to admit

hat we were responsible. in Then again, perhaps it was just stupid. Berhaps, as if trailing by two goals after 19 minutes was not bad enough. Thompson imade things even harder for his team by launching a bizarre, two-footed tackle on Kenna, the Rovers full back, near the halfway line, prompting a miffed referee to sprint over and dismiss the miscreant. though whether for dangerous play or

adiocy is a most point. In which case, Blackburn lost their way and, in the end, were lucky to win a game that could have been a rout.

/1 Consider the evidence. They were a soal up after two minutes, a Duff corner som the right and some duff defending giving Gallacher a sitter on the edge of the six-yard box. They went two up after good work from Ripley on the right and more dreadful defending led to another sitter, stiree or four. Then Thompson, Bolton's best player, did the dirty and Blackburn. perceptibly, relaxed.



BLACKBURN ROVERS 3 BOLTON WANDERERS 1 By Peter Robinson

ly and, eight minutes from time, Frandsen threw them a lifeline, squirting a shot off a Flowers hand and into the roof of the net. After three minutes of injury time, Frandsen put Blake through. It was an easy chance, but he missed and Rovers ran up the other end to make it 3-1. Wilcox

howlers, Fish and

Todd improved steadi-

doing the honours. It should have been 2-2. An injustice? Probably, but while Bolton protested afterwards that Thompson had been harshly treated and they are not a dirry team etc etc, they would do well to address the problem rather than excuse it. Already this season, they have had five players sent off, including four in 17 league games, an average of almost one in four. If they keep this up, they can complete the full set of II by May, including a goalkeeper if they want to do it properly. They will, as sure as eggs are eggs, get relegated if they insist on playing a quarter of their campaign in the FA Carling Premiership with ten men

while everybody else uses 11. And Blackburn? Roy Hodgson, the manager, said: "The sending off probably helped them more than it did us. If we had played II men, it would have been an easier passage for us than it turned out." Caster passage for us train in turned out.

One vote for tactical, then.

BLACKBURN ROMERS (4-4-2) T Flowers — J Kenna, S
Henchoz. C Hendy, G Crott — S Riginy (sub: L Bohimen,
Timn) W McKerlay, T Shewood (sub: G Florott, 77). D

Duff (sub: J Wilcox, 70) — K Gallacher, G Sutton.

BOLTON WANDERERS (4-4-2) K Bennagen (sub: G Ward,
87) — G Bergsson, A Toott, M Fish, M Wildow — J Pollack.
P Francisen, A Thompson, S Salass — N Blate, D

Holdswerth (sub: A Gumfangason, 66).

Referee: M Hilley

tactic nearly works home interest rate. full list of suspects

Bolton kept going. IT WAS not the best There were no more goal that Stan Collymore will score - a half-scuffed, left-footed effort from 20 yards that took a generous deflection of Gary Breen and then arced around the despairing dive of Steve Ogrizovic - yet it was enough to erase the tag, albeit perhaps temporarily.

By Russell Kempson of £7 million misfit; enough to ease the

Villa manager, and the growing disenchantment of the supporters.

In the twentieth minute at Villa Park on Saturday, in the fixture that Coventry City have not won in 24 attempts spanning 61 years, Collymore doubled his tally since his much-trumpeted sevenfigure move from Liverpool during the summer. It was only his second goal in 18 matches and his first since August 27 - a run of 13 games without a legitimate

nagging fears of Brian Little, the Aston

bulge of the old onion bag.

The goal could signal an upturn in Collymore's fortunes, it could be the catalyst that makes his inclusion in the England squad more realistic, it could help to take him on to the World Cup finals. And then it may not, such are the mysteries of the grey matter beneath his cropped dome. Who knows what lurks within such a fragile, brooding mind?

At least Collymore showed an interest. He chased, tackled and harried; he ran at the opposition, sprayed passes around and made life difficult for his markers. Amid the niggle and occasional nastiness, amid the six bookings and two Coventry dismissals, he got involved. "The work side of his game was good,"





ASTON VILLA 3 COVENTRY CITY 0

but the goal should help. It's a start." Though Collymore's resurgence tapered off towards the end, he earned rich appreciation from the fans who had endured so much dross for so long. Covenity followers

all been getting to him.

should perhaps be en-

competed vigorously and, had Williams not grappled with Collymore on the stroke of half-time, collecting his eleventh booking of the season and a sending-off to go with it, they might have stayed in the hunt.

Even when Hendrie lashed in his first Villa goal, they still held out hope. It was only when Joachim's cross drifted in past a static Ogrizovic and Breen was ordered off for shoving Charles in the face that the flames were entinguished. Would Breen be punished? "He might as well," Gordon Strachan, the Coventry manager, said. "It all goes into the pool for Christmas, anyway."

Good humour abounded, despite the often fierce nature of the earlier combat. yet still Little targed caution. "The pleasure will only really come when we get good results on a regular basis," he said. Collymore, after experiencing a rare glow of satisfaction this weekend, should

TAIKE 110th.

ASTON VILLA (2-41-2): N Bosnich — U Bhogu, S Sharnton, G Southgate — G Cherlas, M Draper, S Grayson, A Wight — D Yorke (saiz: L Hendrie, 34min) — S Collymore, (sur.; S Grayson, 54min) — S Collymore, (sur.; S Grayson, 61min) — S Collymore, (sur.; S Grayson, 61min) — S Shaw, G Breen, 71).

COVENTRY CITY (3-6-2): S Gyrzone — R Shaw, G Breen, P Williams — R Nisson, T E Sothed, P Indie: Suit Gavid Stracture, 74), N Whelen (aut. M Hed. 56), D Burrows — D Huckasty (sait. S Heworth, 68), D Dublin.

Reference G Sarber.

Thompson's red-card | Collymore increases | Redknapp rounds up

ry Redknapp appeared to dissect an eighth away defeat. Time was not a great healer. "Horrendous, horrendous," the West Ham United manager declared. What he must have said in the immediate aftermath of the game is too grisly to

consider. Blame, naturally, focused on Ludek Miklosko, the goalkeep he presented Derby with three or four er, who endured one of those afternoons

that can break a man. After ten minutes. he failed twice to deal with a hanging corner that Wanchope had turned goalwards and contrived to knock the ball into his own net. Sturridge, the nearest Derby County attacker, refused to claim the goal. Yet worse befell Miklosko in the 49th minute. Rather than launch a goal kick, he attempted to chip the ball to Pearce, the defender to his right. It fell perfectly for Sturridge, who cut inside a startled Ferdinand to score from 16 yards.

When goalkeepers err, the conse-quences cannot be disguised. Other culprits are less conspicuous and there was more to this result than the flaws of one man. "Four or five of our players who have had good publicity lately were not in

the game," Redknapp said.

Hartson, a surly figure, had a single discernible chance, which Poom saved. Lazaridis, suffering from illness, was ineffective along the left and was pulled out of the Australia squad for the Confederation Cup by Redknapp.

Of most concern, however, was the performance of Rio Ferdinand. It may sound philistine, but the youngster app-



DERBY COUNTY 2 WEST HAM UNITED 0 By Richard Hobson

own mortality. "Rio took some liberties," Redknapp said with a sigh. "He did

great player predicted

until he recognises his

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chances. There are times to play and times not to play." In the first half, a loose pass fell to Baiano and led to a clear opportunity for Sturridge. Miklosko, the villain of the afternoon, rescued Ferdinand with a marvellous save.

In the 83rd minute, facing his own goal with Sturridge in pursuit, Ferdinand tried to flick the ball over his head and turn. Instead, it hit Sturridge and prompted another good chance. Efficiency is everything for defenders. Bobby Moore would have put the ball into the stand when ary and Ferdinand is no Bobby Moore. Not vet.

He would do well to scrutinise the performance of Stimac, the Derby defender, who is also prone to moments of overconfidence. In his first game for two months, he was firm, routinely dismissive of Hartson, but steadfastly balanced and composed. Most important, he gave Derby

composed. Most important, he gave Derby the leadership that they have lacked. DERBY COUNTY (2-1-4-1-2): M Poort — G Rowell, I Strinc — C Dailly — R Kothik, S Eranio (sub: J Hunt. Smin), L Carsley, C Powell — F Balano (sub: D Powell, 82) — D Sumdge, P Westhope. West HAM LINITED (3-6-1-1): L Middosto — I Pearca, A Fedinard, D Ulawooth — T Beacker (sub: S About, 46), F Lumpard, S Lorse, J Mondur, S Lazaricks (sub: P Alves, 76) — E Berkova — J Harison Raileres: A Wilkie.

Chelsea's half-dozen multiply Gross's error of judgment



City's problems struck a trau-matised Steve Coppell, he fled the job after 32 days rather than risk his health and sanity. Christian Gross will do well to last that long. Certainly, no one could blame the new Tottenham Hotspur head

coach if he departed White Hart Lane this morning as he so bizarrely arrived, slipping discreetly off to Heathrow on the Piccadilly line. In the course of 90 horrific minutes on Saturday, he appeared to have developed a nervous tic, a twitch of the right cheek muscles, and Coppell's example would suggest that he should make regular visits

to his GP. Gross began the afternoon with arms aloft in response to a standing ovation. He finished it with a ckstep down the tunnel after the biggest humiliation of his managerial career. A menculous researcher of the club's past, he will probably not need telling that this was Tottenham's heaviest defeat at White Hart Lane since 1935. Nor will be need - or want reminding that they finished that season with relegation.

Gross daimed that this embarrassing display revealed little that he did not already know about the squad he has inherited — in which case, one wondered why he accepted the job in the first place. Turning Tottenham around will take a clear-out similar to that undertaken by George Graham at Leeds United, the banishing of unwilling workers and the signing of trusted men. Time and confidence, though, are already slip-ping away and a defensive crisis looms with Ramon Vega facing suspension, John Scales fracturing his cheekbone and Sol Campbell

The first half was good, the second half was bad," the Swiss



TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 1 CHELSEA 6 By Matt Dickinson

said. It was a Gross understatement. His team's collapse amid ecric silence bordered on distrace and it was all the more remarkable for the fact that, for 30 minutes, they looked capable of securing an FA Carling Premiership victory. Twice, De Goey saved brilliantly from Ginola, and even when Tottenham fell behind after 39 minutes to the first of Tore Andre Flo's hat-trick, they were quickly level through Vega before the break. Forty-five minutes and a gutless surrender later, a snarling mob of supporters had gathered by the tunnel, thrusting their shirts at Tottenham players and shouting: "Where's your pride?" Some undoubtedly deserved it, but Gross, too, must shoulder blame for the scale of this defeat.

Organisation is said to be his strength, so why did he dismantle a central midfield pairing of Calderwood and Nielsen, who had at least matched Di Matteo and Wise tackle for tackle, and end with Anderton and Ginola, who watched Chelsea's midfield, and the game, pass them by? Chelsea, suddenly allowed the freedom and space denied them in a combative first half, made Tottenham pay

best. The previous week, they had and Tottenham had waved the

swamped Derby County in a display of overwhelming power. This was a harder-fought victory. reflected by Ruud Gullit's uncharacteristic dashes to the touchline to berate defensive sloppiness. The goals were largely the product of little bursts of counter-

attacking and there is no better exponent of the quick break than Dan Petrescu. The Romanian was outstanding and one moment of breathtaking skill proved why Glenn Hoddle, the watching England coach, has been rejuctant to assume unhindered progress through group G in the World

Petrescu scored the goal of the game, beautifully lifting a volley over Walker as he burst into the penalty area to meet Lebocuf's flighted, 40-yard pass. By then, early.

Chelsea had already resumed the Not that this was Chelsea at their lead through Di Matteo's header white flag. Nicholls scored one to add to the hat-trick by Flo that fully vindicated Gullit's surprising decision to change a winning team. However much he shuffles his pack, Gullit comes up trumps.

Nothing could sour Chelsea's victory, not even claims that police were to investigate Graeme Le Saux for alleged gestures to Tottenham fans. Dermot Gallagher, the referee, said that he would not be mentioning the incident in his report and the Football Association is unlikely to take the matter further. One would have thought that the home supporters who reported the incident would have had more important things to Worry about

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TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2) I Walker — S
Car. J Scales (such R Allen, 70mm), R Vege, C
Wilson; — R Fox, A Melson (sub) D Anderion, 59;
C Calderwood, A Sinton — D Genole, L Ferdinand,
CHELSEA (4-4-2): E de Goay — F, Sincler, F
Luboed, M Dubery, C Babayaro (sub) M Nichola.

13) — D Petracou, D Wice, R di Matteo, G Le Saux,
— G Zole, T A Flo.
Reference D Gallegher

Jefferies rejoices in leadership qualities of Hearts

oints have come easily to Heart of Midlothian, but it has taken true perseverance for them to garner credibility. Now, however, the sceptics are starting to find themselves overwhelmed by evidence. The 2-0 win over Motherwell at Tynecastle on Saturday was the team's eleventh victory in their past 12 Bell's Scottish League premier division matches

Such a sequence is far too tangible for anyone to treat their position at the top of the premier division as a mirage. They continue to lead Rangers and have opened up a gap of seven points on Celtic, who gave a jaded performance in

well, Jim Jefferies, the Edinburgh club's manager, oozed a cuphoria that was out of all proportion to his team's satisfactory display. He was really celebrating their adherence to the routines of success. It is that rhythm of effectiveness that carries players to a

The side is keeping the beat even if there was no symphonic grandeur to the latest win. They did not take the lead until the final minute of the first half, when Colin Cameron converted a penalty. In conceding it, Kevin Christie, the defender, committed his second bookable offence and

beginning to live at peace with their status. was sent off. Jefferies's team made methodical use of their superior manpower, obtaining a second goal from Thomas Flogel.

There is a disparity between the precious status of Hearts and the apparent worth of its players. The men at the head of the premier division do not top the shopping lists of affluent clubs. Hearts, by and large, have had to content themselves with signing footballers who are free agents or who happen to be available at knockdown prices.

A manager can be proud of the ability to build cheaply yet. still become weary of the need season began, Jefferies was wistful as he talked of the sort



commentary

of talent that might be recruited if he had, say, £500,000 to spend on a single transfer. Frugality, though, will be compulsory for a little longer. righted by a share issue to institutional investors, but the

reduce debt and raise another new stand at Tynecastie. It has been Jefferies's mission to make sure that a handsome stadium does not enclose a dilapidated team. The public is gradually coming to realise how effective he has

In the gradual rise in: Tynecastic attendances, some players will see the index of the recovery in their own fortunes. Hearts are an adventurous side, full of the running and support play that might trigger a migraine in a de-fender, yet the most important figure against Motherwell has never been famed for wearing out the turf.

Steve Fulton, the midfield.

career being criticised. Managers have brooded noisily, over inconsistency and lack of fitness. Nonetheless, those tirades were only sustained because his gifts are endur-ing. When Fulton was still a teenager, Celtic, his first employers, believed that he would mature into the sort of

creative influence that can

transform fortunes. Instead, Fulton's path led to the anonymity of Bolton Wanderers reserves. Rehabilitation has come through him first for Falkirk and then for Hearts. It is too late for Fulton, 21, to fulfil the grand predictions once made for to envisage the best pass with the technique that can deliver

Hearts, who face Dundee United, Celtic and Rangers in their next three games, will be told that they lack sufficient quality to maintain a challenge. The accomplishment of their rivals, however, tends to be overstated. Beating Motherwell at home may not be a triumph, but it is something both members of the Old Firm have failed to do

this season. Instead of wondering whether Hearts can win the title, one might rephrase the question and ask whether Celtic and Rangers are capa ble of stopping them.

Negri is happy to take spot luck

Hibemian

BY PHIL GORDON

MARCO NEGRI has scored more times in the Bell's Scottish League premier division than the entire Hibernian team so far, a fact that the Rangers striker underlined at Ibrox yesterday as he stretched his advantage over them to six in netting his 27th

league goal of the season. The Italian striker followed up to score after his penalty had been saved in the 51st minute and help Rangers to Heart of Midlothian, the

Given Negri's value to the Scottish champions, his de-parture on a stretcher in the 82nd minute, after a collision with Rougier, of Hibernian, must have concerned the crowd of 48,070. Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, said later that although the forward's ankle is twisted, the damage is not serious. Boco, the Hibernian defender, was also carried off minutes later. concussed and having swallowed his tongue after a

heavy tackle from Stensaas. Hibernian have taken just one point from their past eight games and Jim Duffy, the manager, chose to try to rectify the situation by dropping his goalkeeper. Olle Gottskalksson, whose miserable form has been at the root of the slump. In the Iceland international's place came Chris Reid and the replacement quickly brought a level of confidence to his defence by commandingly punching the ball away from the head of Negri in the fifth minute, as the forward rose to try to convert a cut-back by McCall.

Gatuso was cautioned after ten minutes for scything down Charnley, who was then booked for dissent. He responded positively, though. by delivering a perfect free kick for Hughes, whose header brought a wonderful save from Goram. That scenarios however, was a rarity, as Hibernian rarely ventured into Rangers' half, unless it was on the counter-attack; preferring to stay compact and defend in depth.

in doing so, they reduced --Rangers to long-range shots, - Albertz peppering Reid's goal on several occasions and to frustration, with Durie being booked for diving in an ... attempt to win a penalty, -, Hughes was cautioned be-fore, in the 44th minute, Reic justified Duffy's faith with a 🛴 splendid one-handed save todeny Gatuso, after Gough's intelligent pass allowed the

Italian teenager to have a. clear shot at goal. Reid was beaten six min-; utes into the second half, but, 1: only by his own ill fortune after he had twice thwarted Negri. The former Perugia. striker had earned a penalty when Dods pulled him down as he shaped to shoot. Reid guessed Negri's intentions correctly and dived low to his right to keep out the penalty and the subsequent follow up, which spun off the goalkeeper's hands and on to then bar before bouncing fortuitously off the woodwork to be

attempt. Rougier should have equal ised II minutes from the end; when he burst through and... had only Goram to beat, but; his dreadful first touch allowed the goalkeeper to make the save.

poked in by Negri at the third

ANGERS (4-4-2): A Goram -Gough, J Bjorkfund, S SI

HIBERNIAN (4-2) C Reid — (sub: M Renwick, 87), D Dods, J Dow — T Rougher (sub: K Mi Chamley, C Jeckson, P McG Harper, S Crawford.

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: LIVELY SUNDERLAND PROVIDE SOBERING START TO REIGN OF NEW MANAGER

Harford in no hurry for transfer activity

Queens Park Rangers ... 0 Sunderland

BY BRIAN GLANVILLE

AS SAM GOLDWYN once famously declared, a verbal agreement is not worth the paper it is written on. West Bromwich Albion, having lost their manager, Ray Harford, with indecent haste to Queens Park Rangers, would doubt-

less agree.

Harford, whose stony reputation baffles those who know him well, has long been one of the best coaches in the country. At West Bromwich, he was beginning to prove he could succeed as a manager, too. The club has every right to

feel aggrieved. Now Harford has to try and inspire a Rangers team that lost on Saturday to a late goal by Niall Quinn, who had hit the woodwork twice in the first

The acting manager, John of three after using the formation late in the game against Norwich, but Harford is sure to revert to four at the back. "When you have four, you always have a fellow to pick up a pass," he said.

The use of Sinclair and Murray as wing backs was unproductive. Murray is essentially a midfield player, Sinclair an attacker. You can hardly expect him to be continually dropping back in de-fence, expending the energies he needs to display his for-ward skills. When he did break free in the second half, he set up a chance that Spencer wasted by banging the ball wide of a post when he should have put his side into the lead.

Will Sinclair stay? Chris Wright, the Rangers chairman, insists he will. Harford said: "If a player doesn't want to be with the club, then it might be better for him to go



Harford: new broom

ing the star players who might think they want to play somewhere else to give me time; we can help each other. No manager wants to sell any players. You only sell for the money and the money is only important if you've got to buy."

Harford said he was "90 per cent sure" that Hollins would agree to serve as his lieutenant: "It's the only sane thing to do. We're going to talk on Monday." A dejected Hollins

said he was not quite so sure. Rangers' three-man defence gave far too much room to Sunderland's quick little men. who bounced around the towering Quinn like wasps around a jam pot.

Early in the first half, Quinn chested down a cross by Gray and thumped his shot against a post. Later, he headed a cross from Phillips against the

If anyone deserved to give Sunderland their first win at Loftus Road, it was surely Quinn, yet he was fortunate to get his final opportunity. When, after 84 minutes, Clark crossed from the left, Morrow missed his header, Quinn turned inside him, turned again and shot left-footed past Roberts, bringing an ecstatic reaction from the thousands of Sunderland supporters be-

hind that goal. "I've got to single out Quinn." Peter Reid, the Sunderland manager, said. "He's had a torrid time since he's been with us and has had to have three operations. Everyone knows he is excellent in the air, but today he proved he can play as well. He can get it down on the ground. When he holds it up, we've got runners who can go past him and wingers who can cross it." Which they did consistently in the first half, but less effect-

ively in the second. and incisive complement to Quinn, might have scored in the 77th minute, when Yates blocked two of his shots in

The Sunderland central defenders, Craddock and Williams, a full back on either side of them, dealt resourcefulwith Rangers' forays and Perez, in goal, had little to do but deal with the occasional

SUNDERLAND (4-4-2) L Perez — D Holloway J Craddock, D Williams, M Gray — N Summarbee L Clark, A Rae, A Johnston — N Ouren, N Philips



Symons made to suffer in silence

Manchester City0 Wolverhampton Wand ... 1

BY IVO TENNANT

A WEEK ago, after Manchester City had discovered that they must concern themselves as much with the rise of Stockport County in the Nationwide League first division as the goings-on at Old Trafford, Kit Symons was relieved of the captaincy. He felt that this was the lowest point of his career. Alas for him, he had to think again on Saturday.

According to Frank Clark, the City manager. Symons is the ideal ambassador for the club. He is the first to volunteer for charity work and to attend meetings of supporters. Yet he was the player whom they singled our for criticism during the defeat at Edgeley Park and he it was whose defensive error brought about this victory by Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Two minutes before halftime, Symons attempted to cut out a through-ball from Osborn that was intended for the ever-purposeful Good-man. He reached it first, but, in looking either to pass back to Margetson or simply clear for a corner, he found merely his own goal. It was one of those ghastly moments when the defender sees his miskick descending in a gentle, parabolic arc but is powerless to

Amazingly, and pleasingly, neither Symons nor City were abused further by their supporters. It was as if they felt that their club captain — for that is what he remains - had suffered enough. At the end,

demonstrations. City had lost through one error. It was almost an inexorable occurrence in their plight. The one decent chance they created fell to Rösler three minutes after he had come on as a substitute, a header that

capacity and knowing all

about Manchester United's

victory over Liverpool, melted

away. There were no more

he completely missed. Had his

Emerson organises break to Tenerife

EMERSON, the Brazilian midfield player, could be on his way out of Middlesbrough after agreeing a move with Tenerife, the Spanish first

Emerson, 25, who went absent without leave from Teesside several times last season, has agreed a deal with the Canary Islands team and now wants Middlesbrough to settle a fee.

Emerson said: "I have reached complete agreement with Tenerife. All that remains is for them to agree matters with Middlesbrough. "Talks are at an advanced stage. I hope everything can possible so that I will be able to join Tenerife as soon as the Spanish transfer market re-

opens in the near future."

Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, said yesterday that he had not received a bid from Tenerife or discussed a deal with the player. Robson promised Emerson last summer that he could leave the Riverside Stadium if a suitable offer was received for his services. Since then, Emerson had appeared to settle and has been a key figure in Middlesbrough's rise to the top of the Nationwide League first division.

Road being turned into some kind of retail park or tram If City were unfortunate, to be without Kinkladze, then

Wolves could point to the absence of Buil. The player that they did have back was Sedgley, returning to their defence after 3's months' absence without even a preliminary appearance in the reserves. "Since he knew he was playing, he has been like a wee boy," Mark McGhee, his manager, said. He had a sound game. So, too, did Freedman, who

deserved to score in the penultimate minute, when he just failed: to connect with Froggatt's cross from the left wing. An earlier effort had been parried. Tomorrow, Wolves play Portsmouth, and they are not concerning themselves with the doings of Terry Venables. Their injured play-ers are gradually returning and a place in the play-offs is already in McGhee's sights. MANCHESTER CITY (4-4-2): M Marget

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Portsmouth caught in episode of farce show

Pat Gibson watches a

team rise above chaos

in the boardroom at a once-great club

THE pantomime season is upon us, but for everyone connected with Portsmouth Football Club the surreal presentation of the Wizard of Oz on stage at Fratton Park at

present is no laughing matter. 'Oh yes I am," was Terry Venables's response when the club announced that he was no longer chairman at the end of a traumatic week that had left its employees without any wages and saw work stopped on a new stand because the

builders had not been paid. "Oh no he isn"t," the club retorted amid talk of more unpaid bills, the withdrawal of an agreement under which Martin Gregory, the former chairman, was to transfer 51 per cent of the shares to Venables for £1, and allegations of a £300,000 payment made to a Venables-owned company after the £3.5 million sale of Lee Bradbury to

Manchester City.

"Oh yes he is," Terry Fenwick, the manager, insisted after the team had risen above it all with a 2-0 win over Stoke

City that brought only their second win in 15 games. There has been a misunderstanding," Fenwick said. "Something that should not have happened did happen, but Terry is very positive about the situation. He tells me that things will be sorted

out over the weekend and that

he will remain as chairman." The problem in this pantomime is in determining who is the villain of the piece. Is it Venables, whose position as Australia coach has led to Gregory claiming that he has not honoured an agreement to involve himself fully in the day-to-day affairs of the club? Venables, by the way, is now being linked with Nigeria.

Or is it Gregory, who admits that the £300,000 "bonus" was a legitimate payment for Venables's professional services? He may have a different agenda, given re-ports of a group of Floridapased investors ready to open negotiations to build a new stadium near Fratton Park.

in the circumstances, one had to admire the way Fenwick and his players went about their jobs. Fenwick hravely opted to play with three strikers and was rewarded with stunning firsthalf goals from Aloisi, one of Venables's Australian imports, and Svensson.

if Venables, who was again absent and will be rejoining his Australia squad today. could demonstrate the same kind of commitment as the team, it might go a long way to sorting out the sorry mess.

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Vegri is happy to take spot luck

Bremner revelled as hardman with a soft centre

Rob Hughes remembers the Leeds United and Scotland legend, who died yesterday

fiery tenacity was synonymous with the Don Revie era of Leeds United, died of a heart attack yesterday morning. He was 54 and the shock of his passing at such an age is compounded by the method with which he lived his life never yielding to a bigger man, never succumbing to the adversity of disappointment, never accepting what fare seemed to have in store. Knock down Billy Bremner and you were bound to feel the after-effects.

Peter Lorimer, the winger who played under Bremner's captaincy at Leeds and for Scotland, summed up the reaction yesterday. "I was told he had a minor heart flutter and they were just keeping him in for observation," he said. "It seems unbelievable: he was fit, he lived life to the full, sport was what life was all about to him. I can't take it

That reaction was expressed north and south of the border as the news spread from Doncaster Royal Infirmary that Bremner, having been admitted on Friday, was dead. He had been the epitome of the one-club man. He played for Leeds United from 1959 to 1976 - 769 games with

He had 54 caps for Scotland, helped Leeds to win promotion from the second division in his first full season with the club, then endured and enjoyed the decade between 1964 and 1974, in which -Leeds twice won the championship, were six times runners-up and competed in nine cup finals in England and in

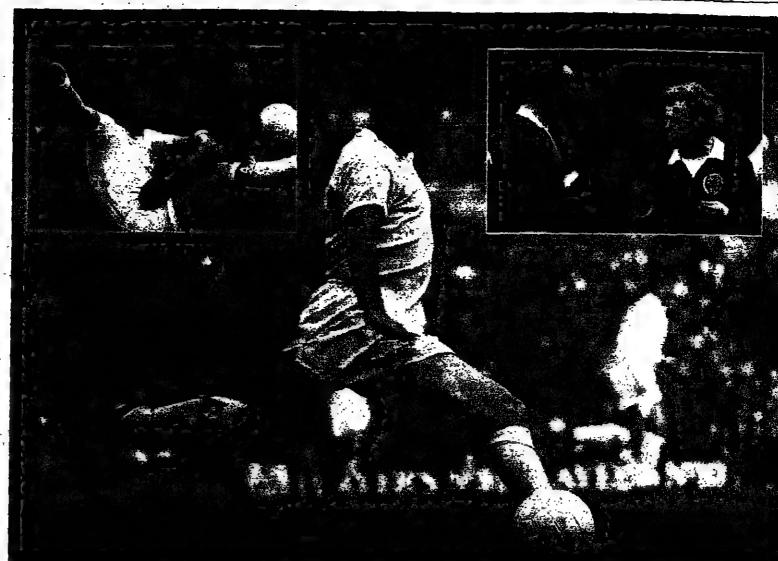
illy Bremner, whose Europe, winning four of

Together with Johnny Giles and Bobby Collins, Bremner formed a bantamweight midfield trio that was majestic in passing, cruel to the point of spite in kicking back, astute and in command of more games than any other triumverate. When, in 1970, Leeds overstretched themselves in chasing the championship, the FA Cup and the European Cup and ended with nothing, Bremner was named as the Footballer of the

This player, who would dart devilishly into the opponents' penalty area, who could score goals that regular strikers perhaps never sensed, was lauded by the finest writers of the day. "Billy Bremner is ten stone of barbed wire." Michael Parkinson enthused.

Above all, Leeds have Bremner, the best footballer in the four countries. If every manager in Britain were given his choice of one player to add to his team some, no doubt, would toy with the idea of George Best; but the realisis, to a man, would have Bremner." Thus wrote John

Of course, Revie admired and squeezed every ounce of beligerent command out of his captain. "Billy was difficult to handle when he came down from Scotland, but what a player," he once said. "Once you had his trust, he'd go through wails, windows and fire. I gave him responsi-bility in the hope that it would control the hellfire in him and although it never quite sub-sided. I don't think anyone



Bremner had great style and skill, but his fiery temperament, right, and hard, sometimes cynical tackling, left, earned him a tough reputation

Revie and Bremner successfully sued a Sunday newspaper that claimed they had attempted to bribe Wolverhampion Wanderers players. It was never proven, but there

argue about the were sides to Brenner, that I can wouch for, that people -found beyond credibility. He was a most charitable man. I recall him running from the training ground one morning and speeding away in his car. His wife had

phoned the dressing-room to say that she had in their home the grandmother of a boy who was dying. The grandmother believed that a visit from his hero could rally him.

"Why should I tell you

responded when I wished to discuss it. "We all in our lives do personal and private things that are not for anybody else to know about. The lad was really poorly, he had

sitting at his bedside, cajoled and begged him to fight. The next day he had another phonecall; the hospital said the patient had rallied, but Brenner finished our discussion of the hospital visits by

of use, many times not, I think all players have been asked to try to help someone who loves the club come out of a coma. I've tried and it taught me how useless we are, how we are just normal people, when I failed."

He did not fail, this ultra-competitive man, this football warrior, in action. He classed himself as a realist - the very reason that he once said was behind his decison to forsake Celtic, which had talented players to spare. As a manager, he fought on a shoestring with Doncaster Rovers, and he took his turn as manager of Leeds, another relative failure among former Revie

'Once you had his trust, he'd go through windows. walls and fire'

boys trying to revive the golden years at Elland Road. He liked a cigarette and a glass of whisky, but he liked nothing more than football. Charlie Nicholas, one of those wayward Scottish players who squandered greater ability than Bremner made use of, said yesterday: "He could tackie, score goals, spray passes all over the park. I'll never forget a Leeds match against Southampton when Leeds made between 30 and 40 passes without an opponent touching the ball.

Billy was at the hub of it. flicking the ball with his heel, showing off his full range of skills. He was some player, one of the greats of the game."

Glass shatters City's hopes of extended run

AFTER Chesterfield's run to the semi-finals last season, the Nationwide League second division has a reputation to live up to in the FA Cup. It did so in style yesterday when two of, members served up a stir-Lig second-round tie, one in which Bristol City looked every inch a team that had won its nine previous matches. They just ran into a goalkeeper at the top of his game. Jimmy Glass was the outstanding player on a wet and

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treacherous pitch, making six

excellent saves. At the other

end. Keith Welch's main employment was picking the ball out of his net. He did not have to make a save to speak of. Bournemouth took a fortu-

itous early lead, Carey turning Vincent's free kick past his own goalkeeper. Five saves by Glass and heaps of Bristol City pressure later, O'Neill struck a stunning drive from 25 yards to give Bournemouth a 2-0 lead after 80 minutes.

O'Neill's strike set in motion a late rush of goals. Cramb reduced the arrears, heading in unmarked, and Bournemouth lived on their nerves for the last ten minutes. Not until the third minute of stoppage time did Fletcher scrile the tie.

Bournemouth have had s their moments in the Cup. imously eliminating Manchester United, the holders; in 1984. Since then, they have survived a financial crisis and eight winding-up orders. Still million — and how a Cup_run would help. "Chesterfield just got to the semi-finals, but we firm. Mel Machin, the manager, said, careful to smile in case anybody should take him seriously.

Machin acknowledged that City had dominated the secand half, but was impressed with the "great character, great commitment" shown by his players. He said that 3-T was 'very flattering', while John Ward, the City manager, raised a glass to Glass. Terrific, wasn't be," Ward said.

However, what mattered more to Ward was that his team had allowed Glass to impress. "We worked him hard," Ward said, "We are disappointed with the result, but we will take the performance and put it on again next

Glass began his heroics by keeping out two shots by Goodridge, one a well-struck long-range drive, the other from closer in. Early in the second half, it was Cramb's turn to test him. A rare error by Howe let Cramb in for a shot that forced Glass into a

close-range save. After 62 minutes, Glass was smartly down at his near post to keep out Goodridge's low drive from an angle. Then another shot by Cramb was saved, City having stepped up

a gear in the second half. Glass was eventually beaten when Cramb slotted the ball past him, only to hit the far post. With such ill luck. City failed to set a club post-war record of ten successive wins. On the evidence of their play, though, it will not be long before they win again.

BOUPREMOUTH (44-2): J Glass — N Young, I Cox, E Hove, J Vincent — J Balley, S Robrison, R Beardstrone (sub: M Rawlinson, 40min), J O'Neil — S Flatcher, C Warren



Hayles, of Bristol Rovers, right, holds off a challenge from Irvine, of Wisbech, at Fenland Park on Saturday

Louts spoil big day for minnows

un completely.

approached the match. They

side," he said. In truth.

took Jackie Gallagher's 71st-

minute header, which was

Wisbech Town Bristol Rovers2

By Keith Pike

THEY were not sold short by their players, who raised their game sufficiently to avoid a pasting from a thoroughly professional Bristol Rovers side, but Wisbech Town were badly let down by a minority of their supporters, whose overt racism soured an other-wise enjoyable FA Cup after-noon on Saturday.

The club that seems fated to make headlines for all the wrong reasons was left angry but helpless as a vocal, vitriolic and seemingly alcohol-fuelled mob behind one of the goals directed a stream of abuse at Barry Hayles, the black Rovers striker, during the warm-up and throughout the first half, culminating

on to the pitch as the teams

The police, having issued a warning over the public address system, subsequently moved into the crowd to arrest two youths during the second half, but it was Hayles who delivered the perfect riposte, scoring the second goal as Rovers made sure of their place in the third round. It is probable that those

who brought shame on the club will not be back at Fenland Park next Saturday. when Wisbech return to Dr Martens League midland division duty. They will not be

You don't get that sort of thing in the [Nationwide League] second division," Hayles said. Nor had he suffered such abuse when scoring the goals that helped

Vauxhall Conference championship the season before last tipped over by Collett. It was and secured his £200,000 the one threat on the Rovers move to the Memorial Ground. Like most people, he thought such intolerance had

goal that they managed. Nineteen minutes earlier. Beadle had powered past the disappeared from football grounds. "I had been told by gallant Moore to give Rovers the lead. The visitors, having the manager [Ian Holloway] already had one goal disalthat the best way to answer lowed for offside, hit the post was to put the ball in the net through Low and created any and it definitely made it number of half-chances. A eeter to score," he said. "It backheel from Hayles in a is the best way to answer 77th-minute scramble gave them." Indeed, it shut them the scoreline a more realistic appearance and only Bray's Hayles was nonetheless later defiance in the Wisbech goal prevented a rout. For that, at least, Wisbech could happy to give Wisbech credit for the way their players

be grateful. SBECH TOWN (4-4-2)* L Bray — P rshall (sub. M Newell, 78min), A kloore, whe (sub.* S McLaughán, 43), M Lindsay G Childs, W Ward, L Panot, (sub.* N plas, 83), I Williams — J Gallagher, P miss. ssed it around well, not just lumping it, and are a strong though, their hopes of reaching the third round for the first time lasted the time that it

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Hednesford are hoping defeat is lift to ambition

Hednesford Town 0 Darlington1

BY BILL EDGAR

JOHN BALDWIN, like Alex Ferguson at Manchester United, has transformed an ailing chub since the start of the Nineties. Just as Ferguson believes his side's early Coca-Cola Cup exit this season will help the quest for his ultimate goal of a European Cup triumph, Baldwin, the Hednesford Town manager, may eventually reflect positively on an FA Cup defeat that

has uncluttered the path to his own holy grail of the Nationwide League. While Ferguson was facing calls for his resignation in January 1990, Baldwin was starting a managerial reign that has earned the club two promotions and, in 1996, third place in the Vauxhall Conference. Their failure to finish higher than eighth last season

could be attributed in great part to an epic FA Cup run, in

which the fourth round defeat

at Middlesbrough was their ninth game of the competition. Baldwin, whose side lie second in the Conference, said: "I am disappointed, but I've said all along that the league is our main aim." The manager of Hednesford found little support for his pre-match pleading that his part-timers were underdogs against Nationwide League third division opponents. The hosts were unbeaten at home this season, while Darlington had not won away for eight months or reached the FA Cup third

round for eight years. Baldwin has several players with considerable league experience under his control, in-cluding Blades and Dennison, both recently of Wolverhampton Wanderers, but it was another former Molineux striker. Darren Roberts, who took centre stage for Darlington. Roberts converted a 49th-

after Blades tripped Atkinson - but, within seconds, he was sent off for kicking the goal-keeper, Cooksey, as the ball rebounded from the net.

Roberts, whose side needed a penalty shoot-out to beat Solihull Borough in the last round. said: "I went to kick the ball back in the net in celebration, but the keeper put his foot in the way and I caught the back of his heel. I can't believe I've been sent off. I'm not going to kick him deliberately after scoring." Last season, a player was sent off in Serie A when his prolonged celebration of his goal was deemed to be timewasting and a second bookable

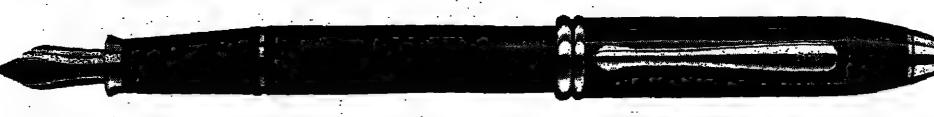
Terry Fleming saved Lin-coln City, the Nationwide League third division leaders. from defeat at home to Emley, of the UniBond League premier division, with an equaliser in the dying moments of the game.

David Preece, the inspired Darlington goalkeeper, thwarted repeated Hednesford attacks after the dismissal, but the superior fitness of the visitors ensured that they were stronger in the final quarter.

The greatest period of success in their 117-year history of Hednesford has come in a rush since the last of the town's coalmines closed in the mid-Eighties. With the refur-bishment of the Keys Park stadium to Nationwide League standards due for completion by March, they could be clocking in on third division shifts next season.

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Sky kicks Rider into touch at Twickenham

they have been able to look at BSkyB's massive investment in sporting rights and think: Hmm, what have we missed?" Some thrilling FA Carling Premiership games, the odd important World Cup qualifi-er, those historic British Isles Victories in South Africa, some ery expensive boxing, two

Ryder Cup victories ...
But this was different. England against New Zealand was one of those extraordinary occasions of shared national Consciousness that the BBC has been accustomed to call-ing its own. Only this time, it wasn't. For the corporation, there was no hiding place —

This was the game that will have broken hearts at BBC Sport. For years, at BBC Sport. For years, This was England, Steve Rider's England, playing their socks off at Twickenham, a ground that the BBC used to call home.

Not any more. This was the day when the satellite channel finally got its reward for all the club games that it has patiently covered and for all the jibes that it has endured for the miserable television audiences such games normally attract.

Mark Durden-Smith wel-comed us to Twickenham an hour before kick-off, but there was none of the meretricious hyperbole that the channel sometimes goes in for. "A win today would be barely believ-able," he said. None of his studio guests - Nick Farr-Jones, Bill Beaumont and Stuart Barnes — disagreed. What happened after kick-

off is all about sport, not television coverage, but what happened after the final whistle is. Over on BBC1, for instance, Grandstand - still just about the flagship of television sport — couldn't even bring us the result. Full time at Twickenham coincided pretty neatly with half-time at Murrayfield, but Rider broke off from his chat with Jonathan Davies only to bring us the half-time football scores.

While controversial from a news point of view, the omission was perfectly understandable in terms of ratings. The delayed ITV coverage of the game was due to get underway

MATTHEW BOND TV ACTION REPLAY

in half an hour's time and the BBC was not about to give it a free plug, especially as up to, but possibly not including Saturday, England against the southern heroisphere has been something of a disaster for its

It's not just the disappoint-ing audience — which has averaged between 2.4-3.0 million for the three preceding games — but the timing of the coverage. For both IIV and

BBCI, the serious business of building up a Saturday night audience to the 11 or 12 million that regularly watch Casualty or Blind Date starts at teatime. No one wants to start from a base of 2.5 million. That is why ITV inexpectedly, but vision programme at the same

Africa nine days ago and went for edited highlights. On Saturday, they did the

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being that not even the best rugby match seen for years can attract an audience to match repeats of Are You Being Served. Honestly billed as highlights and edited rather more smoothly than the week before, TIV's coverage worked pretty well, even if Will Car-ling looked somwhat more ence that ITV's rugby has been uncomfortable in the presenter's chair than he did at the outset four weekends ago. Mind you, presenting a tele-

ITV's experience suggests that terrestrial broadcasters might, in future, be reluctant no pick up rights to delayed coverage of events already

time as you are unceremoni-ously shoved into history can-

shown live on satellite, but I don't think so. The BBC, for instance, had no qualms about making Liverpool against Manchester United the fea-tured game of Match of the Day, despite it appearing first on Sky. BBC2, Channel 4 and Channel 5 would be pretty pleased with the sort of audi-

Sky's audience for the Twickenham game, I suspect, may be fairly modest, even by its own standards. Rugby is not the box office pull that football or boxing are and England's performance was simply too unexpected to have persuaded many to stay at home at such a busy time of particularly as a curtain-raiser

to the five nations' championship, where Sky has the exclu-sive rights to England games at Twickenham and France in Paris, could be significant.

Nevertheless, while they all slap each other on the back. the satellite channel bosses should reflect on the considerable room for improvement that exists. The presentation and build-up are now as good as anything the BBC offers, but you cannot imagine the BBC fluffing Zinzan Brooke's emotional run on to the pitch in the way that Sky's cameras managed to. Nor could you imagine them missing a conversion, a penalty kick for touch and at least two lineouts. England may have been at the top of their game, but Sky can

'Losing 23-9 at half-time, what was this? Not what I had come to expect of my beloved All Blacks'

Fans draw limited cheer from recovery

ver the Thames, a ferned flag snapped in the breeze, black against a bright cold sky. We watched from the bank, following the crowd, as its bearer crossed Twickenham Bridge and the silver river slipped below. I might as well get this over with now and admit it my companion and i, our hearts with the All Blacks, were rebels both on English soil and thought this was the banner of a cause bound for victory and that this was no bad thing. My new-found allegiance — which seemed to arise from the moment I'd slipped on that sturdy, midnight jersey — had a sweet and seductive power.

But everything was different this week. I was not shunted out of a rain at soulless Wembley, nelled with bleak efficiency towards its twin towers. I was not surrounded by the massed ranks of the ebullient Welsh crowd, who seemed filled with fire and joy before the game, despite the scale of the challenge they faced, despite the stadium's chilliness, despite the grey day. Instead, I strolled genteely through the very model of prosperous England on the edge of urban life - the word suburb doesn't really do for Richmond and Twickenham. The crowded Saturday morning shops, the splendour of Richmond Green, the snaking Thames, the high houses with their bow windows and, the closer I got to the stadium, the pubs crowded with clutches of the tall and Barbourd, sucking on their pipes and talking in voices much lower than I'd expected.

For this was different too. There was a subdued feel in the autumny air. People kept their heads together, talked quietly as they ap-proached the stadium. It was all very sedate, like someone had thrown a blanket over the proceedings. But inside the green-tiered stadium, I saw them, the sideline

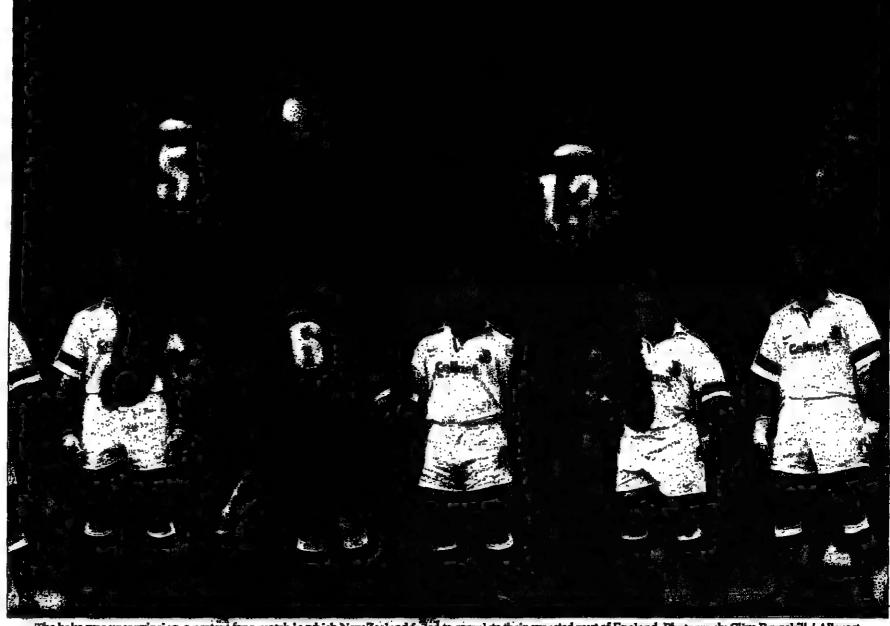




soldiers with painted faces, red and white. Just next to us, there was a whole mass of them, a battalion in enormous silly hats, waving flags and banners, shrieking and writhing for the television camera that inevitably turned upon them. Little boys, who would doubtless turn into new versions of the enormous men who'd brought them, darted past our legs, wrapped in ragged Union Jacks.

"How do they do it?" my companion asked me. "Get so excited, when . . . " but he didn't say what, when. Hubris is a danger-ous thing. "How do they do it?" I asked him, gesturing towards the dark door from which the teams would emerge. "When they must know . . . " but I didn't say, know what. Hubris is a dangerous thing. He shrugged. "You can't think you're going to be beaten," he said. "Otherwise, you just

couldn't play." But when the non-playing All Blacks strolled across the bottom of the pitch in their dark suits and



The haka was unconvincing, a portent for a match in which New Zealand failed to complete their expected rout of England. Photograph: Clive Brunskill / Allsport

overcoats like a convention of titanic undertakers, they seemed the harbingers of a foregone conclusion. The stands were full now, rippling, rustling, as hushed as over 70,000 people can be. There was a last-chance air about.

You could feel something was up the moment that the teams pulled on to the pitch. The All Blacks well, lumbering, moving as if all that mass had finally caught up with them, given them a taste of gravity. Then the English, sweeping out fast - running, not jogging - white and light. There was gravity at the haka too, its gestures not so broad, its leap not so high. And after the kick-off, something was certainly up. Last week's Wales v New Zealand game, the

first match I'd seen, had made me expect onslaught, overthrow, rout: but it was not to be.

Five minutes in, David Rees scored the try that made the stadium quake with an English roar - and the first of many choruses of Swing Low, Sweet. Chariot. I had expected Jerusalem, but I was discovering that this was a day when expecting any-thing was clearly a grave error of judgment. In my black jacket pure chance, you understand - I fidgeted, sat back and waited for

my contrarian triumph. Blow me down if it just didn't come, and all those kids with painted faces and banners got louder and louder and wilder and wilder and seemed, after all, to be

on to something. Last week, the New Zealanders had moved with. precision and grace: this week, the black panzers just kept getting stopped in their tracks. Four minutes passed: another English try. Six more minutes: another. I could see what was going on and, despite my companion gravely informing me that the English tries were somehow the result of luck not-quite-justly rewarded, it didn't really seem to be the case.

ny sense of the subdued had vanished from the erupting, astonished crowd. It was extraordimary to watch, the English crowd and the English team becoming one, each lost without the other. It

carried me with it, though I stuck valiantly by struggling New Zea-land. Struggling New Zealand! Losing 23-9 at half-time, my God, what was this? Not what I had, almost instantaneously, come to expect of my beloved All Blacks.

In the second half, life improved - but not enough for me, I tell you, not enough. After 62 minutes, I thought my heart would burst when Little's try and Mehrtens's conversion (see? I know their names now) took the Ali Blacks past the English at 26-23. I was panting. I moved and swayed— all right, usually in the opposite direction to most of the crowd and hoped and thought it was, at last, a certainty - until Grayson's penalty took it to a draw. This was

not at all what I had come to expect last week when the All Blacks' thundering victory made the smell of blood sweet.

And then it was over, I stood still and rather alone in the sweeping, shouting crowd, now racing on to the green pitch to acclaim their heroes in the failing light of a winter afternoon. I buttoned up my black coat and headed out into

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dusky Twickenham. Well, no, it was not a victory. It was a draw - so there - but fond as I'd become of my black jersey, I had to admit I'd seen England play a terrific game and perhaps the thrill of the unexpected is just as exciting as the thrill of victory.

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Question of qualification

From Mr T. Williamson

Sir, Am I the only follower of rugby union who objects to the process of qualification for the During the Old Trafford

international, the television coverage boasted Jonah Lomu to be the first All Black of Tongan descent, while Frank Bunce played for his original regional team, Western Sa-fhila, in the 1991 World Cup. e Qualification seems to be based upon time spent playing in New Zealand, Somehow, I think there would be uproar if England fielded a side conpaining Stransky. Serevi,

Lacroix and Tuigamala! Even the Australians are to get in on the act, with Patricio Noriega due to make his debut in nine months' time. I feel that this is typical of the new breed of rugby mercenary. I

Yours faithfully, TOM WILLIAMSON, y North Avenue

Exeter, Devon. From Mr Paul R. Martin Sir. With reference to Robin England's suggestion (Sports | 1 Hayfield Yard, Letters, December 1) that the | London El 4LL

England XV face up to the Kiwis "seven feet of soil away", reminiscent of King Harold when he squared up to Harold Hardrada, all one can say is look what happened to King Harold at Hastings!

My own suggestion would be to invoke the spirit of a mere recent and well known hero - Admiral Nelson and his "Ships? I see no ships" attitude. Surely the sight of 15 Englishmen kitted out in eye patches and telescopes to the covered eye would render the Yours faithfully, PAUL R. MARTIN,

Putney, SW15. From Dr S. A. Khan

25 Borneo Street,

Sir, Last Saturday night the haka was performed with much shouting and exuberant slapping of thighs in Baker Street underground station and, when the final jumps ended the display, the crowds on both up and down platforms clapped enthusiastically. I presume that the "whites" who were the performers were from New Zealand. I am pretty sure that had the haka men been Maoris, their reception would have been ecstatic. Yours faithfully, S. A. KHAN,

SPORTS LETTERS

Football and its fundamental priorities

From Mrs Christine Sullivan

Sir, At considerable expense we acquired tickets for the recent Manchester United v Wimbledon game. My son is nine years old and a great fan of Manchester United and he had a wonderful afternoon. However, he also returned with a publication entitled Red Issue, which I was shocked to find was filled with foul language and explicit references. It is totally unsuitable to be sold to children and yet carries no warning

about the nature of its contents. I am interested to know how it is licensed, to which board of control, if any, it is answerable and what assocation it has with the club. The children of today are the players of tomorrow. Surely this is not the image football wants to

Yours faithfully, CHRISTINE SULLIVAN, 239 Knightsbridge, London SW7. From Mr G. Ames

Sir. Surely the idea of the World Cup is to gather together the best 32 footballing nations in France next year. Or is it?

Russia, ranked No 9 in the world by Fifa, lost only one of their qualifying games and then had the misfortune to draw Italy, the 1994 finalists. for a closely contested play-off, which ultimate-ly went the Italians way. Contrast their experience with Iran, who lost

their group's decider at home to Saudi Arabia. They were then beaten by Japan in the play-off. Yet Iran got a third bite of the cherry in the form of a final eliminator against Australia. Russia must feel hard done by, as other

countries, less technically proficient, are going to France, whilst they will be staying at home. Yours faithfully,

GAVIN AMES, 77 St Chads Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Jamaica claim

From Dr Pamela Beshoff

Sir, Rob Hughes describes Jamaica's World Cup football team as "effectively Britain's B squad" (report December 3). but I suggest that he has got it

the wrong way round.

If such English luminaries as Paul Ince, Ian Wright and Andy Cole, to name but a few, were playing for Jamaica (which, in another scenario, they would be entitled to do) then England might well then be "Jamaica's B form so much? I think the team" Yours sincerely.
PAMELA BESHOFF. The Coach House, 112 Hampton Road,

georgianja@compuserve.com. West Indies' fall

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From Mr L. Fraser-Mitchell Sir, The appalling recent re-sults by West Indies cricket teams prompt the question -

how can they have fallen out of

answer is much the same as the answer to England's slump - players seem to have lost pride in playing for their country and concern themselves solely with personal performance and how much they get paid. This was never the spirit in which cricket was meant to be played. Yours faithfully,

LESLIE FRASER-MITCHELL Fraser's Rest. Briar Close, Necton. Swaffbam, Norfolk

Pride in past pupils' success

From Mr Jim Page

Sir, Gerald Davies, superb wing three-quarter and mag-nificent writer, may well extol the feat of Llandovery (Sport in Schools, November 24) in producing 40 future Wales international players, likewise Barrie Lloyd (Sports Letters, December 1) can indeed take even greater pride in the famous Fettes having gone two dozen better, with an international blend of 64.

The Royal Belfast Academical Institution, founding in 1810, has produced 72 players who have become Ireland internationals.

Is "Inst" the only school to have the honour of two Lions captaincies - Sam Walker, in South Africa in 1938, and Robin Thompson, in South Africa in 1955? In all, ren former pupils have become British Isles players.

One notable artefact of world rigby is Instanian in origin. Sir Donald Currie (1825-1909), a Greenock-born Scot and pupil at "Inst" in the 1830s, founded the Union Castle Company, a-vital linkbetween Britain and South Africa, in 1900, donating the Corrie Cup for inter-provin-

cial rugby. For almost a century, his trophy has been fiercely contested annually in the most spectacular rugby seen anywhere in the globe.

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Yours faithfully, il Glenbroome Park, Newtown Abbey, Co Antrim.

From the Rector of The Glasgow Academy

Sir. The fine records of

Llandovery and Fettes in pro-

ducing rugby internationals are surpassed by that of The Clasgow Academy, which has, to date, produced 81 imernational players, all for Scotland. I suppose the school was off to a flying start, as six Glasgow Academicals played in the first international match in 1871 between England and Scotland. The Scottish Rugby Union was later formed in what was then the Masters' Common Room of our school and 15 former pupils have served as Presidents of the SRU. This may not put us "top of the league", but I hope we may be able to add to the totals

splendid tradition of Glasgow Academy pupils representing their country. Yours sincerely, DAVID COMINS. The Glasgow Academy. Colebrook Street,

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This week in THE TIMES



Tomorrow

Oxford or Cambridge - who will win the University match at Twickenham? David Hands sets the scene for rugby's traditional end-of-term fixture.

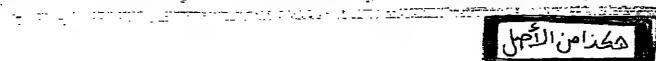
Russell Kempson reports on Aston Villa's attempt to progress in the Uefa Cup.

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Thursday England's cricketers in pursuit of success - at the women's World Cup

in India and in Sharjah. Saturday

Football Saturday: the Premiership match-by-match, Oliver Holt, Danny Baker and Frank Leboeuf.



Resurgent South Africa hand out a cruel lesson in modern rugby

Scotland's weaknesses laid bare

By MARK SOUSTER

MISSION accomplished. Expectations exceeded. South Africa return home today with their reputations restored and their credibility enhanced, having won each of their five games in Europe - three by a record margin, the latter against the hapless Scots.

While the Springboks can look forward to the Super 12 and then the tri-nations championship with relish, for Scotland there can only be nervous introspection after their heaviest international defeat.

The most pessimistic forecasts proved accurate at Murrayfield as Scorland were humiliated, conceding ten tries. South Africa scored 54 points in the second half alone and that after failing to open their account until the 23rd minute. In the process. James Small overtook Danie Gerber as his country's record try-scorer.

Much of the credit for South Africa's resurgence must go to Nick Mallett, the new coach, who has given his players their head and been rewarded. However, until this team can be judged against New Zealand. he knows that comparisons are invidious and world rankings remain unchanged. Yet his is a young side on the rise and, by 1999, the country's hold on the World Cup will be difficult to dislodge.

If only Scotland could say the same. It was not so much that they were bad, more that they were simply outclassed. The bottom line is that they were not good enough and it is not their fault. The blood. guts and commitment demanded by Richie Dixon were in ample supply: alas, the skill levels, the speed of thought and movement.

The pedestrian Scots had nobody to match the searing pace of Small. Pieter Rossouw and Percy Mont-gomery, a back three that deserves to be bracketed with New Zealand. Indeed, Rob Wainwright, the Scotland captain, described Montgomery's performance as the best from a full back he had seen. Christian Cullen included. Scotland were stripped naked, their deficiencies cruelly exposed.

Montgomery, who scored 26 points from two tries and eight conversions, has been transformed from the timid centre of six months ago. A constant threat from deep. he scored his first try with an unchallenged burst to the line, taking advantage of the fact that treated and Hodge had yet to



Scotland players look dejected after offering blood, guts and commitment but not enough skill in their manling by South Africa

replace him. His second was virtuoso, a break of 50 metres that ended in an arcing run across and through a bamboozled Scottish

His first score had knocked the stuffing out of Scotland a little, for they had previously enjoyed a comparatively golden spell, entrenched on the South Africa line. However. as much as they probed, they never looked capable of adding to Rowen Shepherd's sixteenth-minute penal-

Ahead only 14-3 at half-time. South Africa changed tack in the second half. The forwards stopped driving it up the middle, limited tacties with which Scotland could generally cope: instead, the Springboks put width on the ball, created space and made holes through which they poured. The Scots, who had played above themselves. crumbled under the momentum. their defence ever more desperate. It all became faintly embarrassing. It did not help that poor ball retention and aimless kicks - two in rapid succession by Nicol and earned possession and led directly

land's solitary try-scorer, said it had been like "dodging bullets" in the second half.

Dixon, who denied he felt his position under threat despite only two wins in II outings - those against Italy and Ireland

generous in his praise. The Springboks gave us a tremendous example of modern rugby," he said. "It is obvious we are falling further behind the southern hemisphere. We know we have a pro-

players we have. The answer lies within us." Mallett said that the answer lies in more exposure to the southern hemisphere nations and an equivalent to the Super 12. "That has made a massive difference," he said."We needed the contact with New Zealand and Australia. Withour more regular contact, the north-

Venter powers forward to set up a further South Africa try Teichmann. Derek Stark. Scot-Small dwarfs opposition with record display

accused of taking the mickey. L exactly, then the appearance of another Walt Disney character on the Murrayfield turf on Saturday was still a cruel mockery of a brave Scotland side.

The dwarf, Bashful, dashing through the Scotland defensive line to score between the posts shortly after half-time, upstaged James Small's first try as panto-mime season was acknowledged the crowd booing the police who led the intruder away. However, it was the Springbok's turn to be coy when he raced off the pitch immediately after scoring his second try to eclipse Danie Gerber's international record for South

After beating France twice and England to make even more of an impression on northern hemisphere consciousness than the mighty All Blacks, the Springboks have, in Scotland, given the impression of being a squad on did not intend his words to be

f South Africa could not be holiday. There even seemed a possibility, sadly delusory, as Scotland held them scoreless for the first quarter, that they had taken this last challenge too lightly.

Just how relaxed South Africa had been in approaching this match was summed up by Small's tribute to Percy Montgomery, the full back, whose brilliance was hailed by Rob Wainwright, the Scotland captain, as a match for that of Christian Cullen, of New Zealand, and who handed the 28year-old most-capped Springbok his record try on a plate.
"I was looking for the record."

Small said. "That's all it was about for me. Percy's going to score a lot of tries in his life and I don't know how long I'll be able to keep up with him, but he said beforehand that he was going to do that if he got the chance."

The very idea of players appar ently treating international rivals with such contempt, though Small





At Murrayfield

interpreted as such, outlined the gulf between the sides, as did his explanation of the game's one unsavoury moment, his sideline squabble with Derek Stark, the

Clearly an intelligent individual, but one with a notoriously low boiling point, Small had been repeatedly balked by his marker and took the law into his own bands while André Venter sailed through to score the try that the winger believed should have been

"It was just frustration," he said.
"He had held me back three or four times when I could have scored the try I wanted and this time, when Percy hit the line, I knew for sure I would have been in. But Derek came looking for me after the game and explained that it felt like dodging bullets out there and he just had to catch

Scotland's plight was put into further perspective by Gordon Bulloch, the debutant hooker and captain of Glasgow, the side that boasts the two quickest players in the national squad, Stark and James Craig, who was absent because of hamstring trouble.

"We think James is exceptional. but they have six guys who are as quick as him," he said. Ian McGeechan, the coach of the British Isles, who has been helping Scotland to prepare, underlined that same point, noting that, allied to their speed, the men in question are also supreme footballers.

n the wake of the most humbling scoreline Scots have ever had to digest, the inquest had already begun on Saturday evening. It was, then, gracious that the triumphant Small should be first with words of encouragement.

"Scotland have got to start enjoying their rugby again and try and get a spirit going amongst them," he said, "but that all comes from hard work and dedication. We have been through a lot of hard times together. A lot of the guys in our dressing-room were in Auckland when we got a hiding from the All Blacks. We've built a lot of character from that."

Glorious, but do not flog them to death

Rob Hughes, privileged to be at Twickenham on Saturday, says we should heed the

message espoused by the All Blacks coach

warn you, I am intoxicated. To have been at Twickenham on Saturday, as sober as a judge when England and New Zealand fought to the first draw in their history, was to imbibe the essence of sport. It was compelling theatre beyond the confines of rugby union, beyond the stirrings of nationalism.

The draw, honourable and deserved, should be measured by the belief that the All Blacks are the finest, hardest, most professional rugby team on earth. Indeed, from my experience, they are close to the most enthralling team in any sport the Brazil soccer side that won the World Cup in 1970.

For England to rock New Zealand as they did, for En-gland's new philosophy to even threaten these All Blacks, and then for the New Zealanders to show how much it meant to them not to be beaten ... well, it was a privilege to sit among the sup-porting cast of 75,000. Sit? Sometimes the spirit would

not sit down. To remain calm while all around were on their feet, to stay silent while everyone was giving way to the targe to shout and sing, would miss out. on human sharing.

Yet John Hart, the garrulous warm New Zealand coach, did his Alf Ramsey impersonation by remaining motionless when Walter Little's try in the

second half squared the match after England had led by 20 points. Look at the video, John, explain yourself in the context of a grey London day on which the blood ran hot and the desire of competition transmitted itself like an electric pulse from performers to audience. Here. indeed.

was a sensation sport (and perhaps music or drama) can impel so well - an outlet from the straitjacket of mundaneness im-

posed by modern gadgetry.

The "I-was-there" syndrome had many more joys than the hundreds of youngsters who spilled on to the turf at the final whistle. The boy who cartwheeled expressed for many of us the almost tangibly physical sensation, as if we felt the sweat on the players' brows, absorbed the bone-jarring impact of their tackles and experienced the thrill of getting over that line.

Of course, it was tougher than that. Modern rugby is. Down in the tunnel, steam rising off them, bodies battered, faces bloodied and bruised, words came from the players through gasps for breath. They had gone their 15 rounds and more - and in a contest more honest than almost any so-called heavyweight boxing match.

"We were really true to our word," Lawrence Dallaglio said. "We earned a lot of respect."

Indeed they did and Justin Marshall, the opposition captain, acknowledged it by praising England's handling skills. So bold was England's first half, playing the ball in All Black fashion, so overpowering New Zealand's response and, finally, so course geous were England in ten minutes that in

Derwyn Jones, of Cardiff, rises above a lineout

sent false messages about their progress in the game: a victory for New Zealand would have been wretchedly unfair for the great strides that England have Thank goodness, then, than

those crass commercialists who seek to contrive a "result". because to them winning is everything, were the only losers at rugby headquarters on this day. England, on the fourth Saturday of a gruelling initiation to the Clive Woodward-Dallaglio era, took on the southern hemisphere's finest - not with belligerent confrontation, but with a belief that to pass the ball from hand to hand, not kick it into an opponent's hands, is the way

Three tries in 15 minutes, punched right and left and centre through the New Zealand guard, were their reward. The first, impishly conceived and delivered by David Rees, showed what a young university student can do against full-time All Blacks. Fears surrounding the baptism of Rees and Matt Perry in such a series have been allayed; this has become a platform for the future.

Yet New Zealand tarned the whirlwind and blew with a force that nobody could resist. It was explained by an English-

man who knows, Rob Andrew.

The All Blacks are upping the whole tempo of the game as only they can," he said, early 'If you drive into the second half "I've experienced it. the team for The pace of everymoney, for thing, even the lineouts, shoots up." millions, There is, now, a

suspicion that England, eyes opening to you wear the omnipotence of southern hemisphere them out taking on too much

roo soon. Of course it is pleasing that Woodward, like Fran Cotton. who put together the British Isles squad last summer, is getting to grips with our deficiencies. It is right that the sport eschews giving the ball away, just as Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, preaches the wisdom of hall retention and not the old. rumbled long hoof in soccer.

But Hart has a warning, all the better for it having being said at Wembley, when his All Blacks were majestic against Wales, rather than last weekend. There's been a lot of pressure for us to play here again next year," he said. "I resist that. New Zealand have played 12 Tests this year; it's too many. We train five days a week, practising the skills under intense pressure, but we should scale back the Test levels. otherwise we kill the public

appente. If you drive the team for money, if you look only to make millions, you wear them out. Next year should be a development year, preparing for the World Cup in 1999. You can't keep running players."

As he spoke, Sean Fitzparrick, the captain New Zealand so sorely missed on Saturday, walked past stiffly, his knee gutted of cartilage and shot through with pain.

The moral is this: listen to the All Blacks, try to meet their intensity head-on, but consider utions to the full.

St Mary's revival comes too late

Terenure College 18 St Mary's College 12

BY KARL JOHNSTON

UNTIL Saturday, the conven-tional wisdom had it that St Mary's College and Lansdowne were the strongest Dublin contenders for ulti-

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misfortune. Inside the openthe event, the hopes of both were severely dented. In front of Terenure's vociferous supporters at Lakelands Park, St Mary's led by 5-3 at the interval, but conceded three tries within the opening ten minutes of the second half. St Mary's certainly suffered more than their fair share of

ing 15 minutes, they had lost Craig Fitzpatrick, their fly half, and Conor McGuinness, their Ireland scrum half. Then John McWeeney, the right wing capped against New Zealand last month, pulled a hamstring when scoring the intercept try that gave St Mary's their narrow half-time

St Mary's trailed by 13 points well into the final quarter and looked like they had given up the ghost, but ? try by the Ireland No 8, Vic. Costello, converted by Ric' Ormond, the replacer half, revived them r ... luck, they might + off a victory v hardly have bee Terenure o their dominar,

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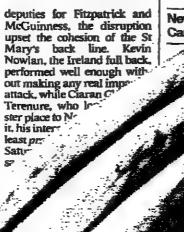
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Garran Sheahan in row, helped by the support of their colleagues. Playing against a strong wind in the first half. St Mary's could not maintain a lasting presence in Terenure's territory and McWeeney's try,

though well taken, was against the run of play. Though Ormond and Me-Cormack were able enough





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Newport are bereft of such quality, although, in Jan Machacek, they have a player of genuine class. His try pot them in touch at the intervaland, when Connor kicked two simple penalties after the break, they led, much to their surprise, 19-17

Connor and Jarvis again: swapped kicks, but Connors sixth penalty, four minutes from time, was not enough toprovide an unlikely victory. Jarvis, the saviour of Cardiff on so many European occasions, stepped up from the halfway line and slotted hisfourth successful penalty to break Newport hearts.

After a third home defeat in as many League games and, with Ebbw Vale winning at Lianelli, Newport, traditional giants of Welsh rugby, are staring at the prospect of relegation.

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Dallaglio's example inspires epic response

New Zealand

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

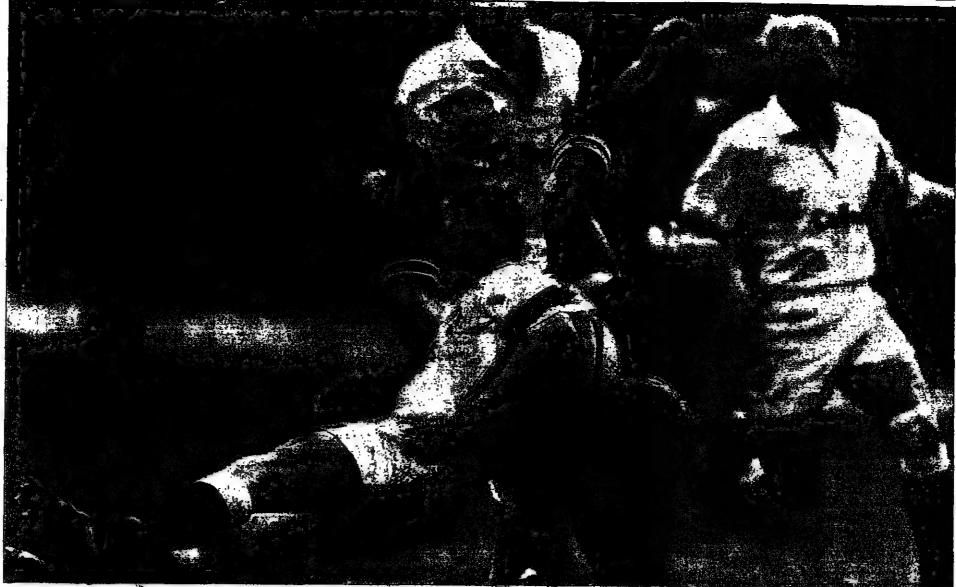
QNE back-row forward Zinzan Brooke, led the way on Twickenham on Saturday celebration of his hundredth and last appearance for New Zealand, but another, Lawrence Dailaglio, of England, wrote his name time and again over an utterly compelling match that lifted the soul. purveying the quality and pace that makes rugby union, at its hest, so complete and satisfying a game.

There was a heroism about it, too, When you felt that neither team had more to give, they dredged up reserves to go in search of a win that would have given New Zealand a plorious dozen — 12 wins from 12 international starts this year - and England the success that only they and their management believed was achievable. Yet the draw, the first in 20 matches between these two countries, is incalcu-

lable in its effect for England. Could this young team really have come so far, so fast, since their autumn series began with another draw, against Australia? That game was painted in drab shades of grey, while Saturday's splashed the colours of the rainbow over Twickenham's canvas. They have learnt so much - about techniques, about coping with the atmosphere of a game played before 70,000 people and about themselves

Dallagilo and Clive Wood-() ward, the England coach, said there was no euphoria in the changing-room after all was over: that the win they felt they should have taken had once more eluded them. They should not short-change themselves. On balance, the greater number of try-scoring opporrunities fell to the All Blacks, but, time and again, they took the wrong option and turned away from the wider game, forced into doubt and error by the quality of England's sti-

ffing defence. John Hart, the New Zealand coach, who was as generous in his praise of England as



Mehrtens, the New Zealand fly half, is sent crashing to the ground by the force of a tackle from Perry, the England full back. Photographs: Clive Brunskill / Allsport

he was miserly in the first game between the teams at Old Trafford, said that his players "butchered" five potential tries - and so they did. But at this level you create good fortune and England did

One 24th-minute cameo tells the tale. Brooke and Jeff Wilson sent Christian Cullen speeding into the England 22, outside Matt Perry, before Austin Healey clawed him down. Still it seemed that Norman Hewitt would take the inside pass and cisim his first international try./before Richard Hill crashed him down five metres short. The ball fell loose, black shirts were at hand, but Healey had recovered in time to secure the ball and push it into touch.

England have learnt, sometimes painfully, that it is not enough to make one tackle. that you have to bounce up and do it again and again just as, in attack, they must recycle ball again and again until the chink appears in the opposition's armour.

In that respect, the back row as a unit was outstanding, the pace that

Woodward seeks to support his game of width. Yet he has also found himself a wing, in David Rees, with the bravery to go where Rory Underwood was strongest -- the bruising, damaging dash into the cor-ner — and another, in Healey, who is so light on his feet that

he will bob up like a cortangular anywhere on the pitch.

None of which would have mattered much had not Paul Grayson had the strength of character to play a game with which he is less than familiar, so close to the advantage line that he could almost smell

Josh Kronfeld's hot breath. Grayson, dubbed England's last option at fly half, may have missed the tackle that allowed Walter Little to score New Zealand's second try, but he played in the traffic, offering himself as a target so that his back division could

All this amid a crowd that watched, with a mounting sense of disbelief, as England scored three tries within 16 minutes of the start of the Royal and SunAlliance international to open a 17-point

Leadership still means so much in a team sport and, land captain, Sean Fitzpatrick. suffered in the West Stand, Dallaglio demanded by his own example yet more from his players. Even on a day when the lineout was a disaster - the All Blacks had a 17-6 advantage - two of their takes coming from English throws — England kept the ball in hand, mindful that Woodward had challenged them to score 35 points. "Talk

to a bunch of English players about that sort of target and the blood tends to freeze in their veins," Woodward said

- but not this young crew. Rees, chipping Lomu with insolent ease, beat Bunce and Kronfeld for the first try, requiring five stitches in his gum after a collision with the corner flag. Grayson sent Healey and Greenwood haring away, with Hill in faithful attendance, for the second and, when Bunce placed the ball in the tackle. Dallaglio toed it through and brushed aside

Lomu to win the touchdown.

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only three penalty goals, though the half-time advantage would have been far closer had not Wilson slightly overrun Randell with the England defence beaten. But the third quarter was England's ultimate test of character; to see a substantial lead nibbled

away is unnerving. Brooke and Marshall, from a tapped penalty, created the first All Blacks try for Mehrtens on a day when the fly half's judgment was less than immaculate, An easy penalty followed, reducing the lead to four points, and, when Stimpson failed to gather in Mehrtens's high kick, Allen rumbled on and Little stepped in masterful fashion through to the posts.

The statistics showed that New Zealand crossed the gain line 42 times, against England's 19, and that they dominated the rucks 67 to 44. How could they not win, given that preponderance of possession? Yet England forced an offside decision in the shadow of the New Zealand posts and Grayson calmly levelled the score with his third penalty

Mehrtens pushed a dropped goal wide and players from both teams were swaying on their feet at the unrelenting pace, but they could still structure a game that will assuredly be remembered as a classic of its kind.

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Fluent New Zealand uphold proud tradition

ngland not only managed to spoil New Zealand's moment of crowning clory, which would have encouraged others to deify them as the best team of all time, hut also sprang a prodigious surprise. They contributed an equal share to a match that confirmed that rugby played It this pace and conviction bravides grand and daring theatre. This was a breathtaking spectacle, if flawed.

John Hart has preached a gospel of unshackled rugby from his days with Auckland in the Eighties. Internationally, the All Blacks have put this into practice in the Nineties. If asked to define his philosophy, the New Zealand coach would no doubt answer confidently: "Go and see my teamplay. He does not merely talk 9 6000 Same

A similar query has been made of Clive Woodward, who also esponses a generous vision of rugby. After Saturday without raising a sceptical evebrow in his listeners. a the England coach can boldly provide the same answer.

Yet for all the continuous thrills, there remained a naggmg distortion From the start, England's belief in playing with the ball in the hand hrought rich and sudden rewards, while New Zealand, pursuing the same course, fell awkwardly astray in a manGERALD DAVIES

At Twickenham

ner that could hardly have been anticipated. Inaccuracies plagued their games errors that made them look ordinary and, in tune with the eulogies that have come their way, mortal.

On their best days, the All Blacks play with enviably sleek precision. Taken a step farther, without due caution, the freedom they wish to give the ball can be interpreted as careless abandon. At Twickenham, the manner in which they pursued their strategy was uncharacteristically slipshod. They lacked the hardnosed direction that their injured captain, Sean Fitzpalrick, invariably determines. It was a pitfall into which

England were also wont to drift. To sling the ball around incautiously is a hazardous occupation. There were many mistakes. Furthermore, the relentless pursuit of running with a ball in a hand regardless of space, time and pos-ition is foothardy and makes rugby union resemble rugby league two lines stretched across the pitch. In this way, rugby union loses its shape by adopting another. I am not certain to what extent this is ultimately to the good.

The essential difference between the codes is that union's undiminished attraction is the gradual unravelling of a team's physical and psychological defences: finally to break them down. There is, at ruck and maul, at scrum and lineout, a true sense of an unfolding drama. Rugby league, because of its laws, cannot accommodate this in the same way.

in view of England's extraordinary performance, this is a mere quibble, but what assessment finally to make of New Zealand? They are unquestionably a mould-break-ing team. They play the nearest yet to what is com-monly conceived as total rugby. Much has been said about their power and levels of fitness, but it is their higher standards of individual skills and each player's ability to In 1905, they lost only once make the right decision that in 33 fixtures, beating En-

AN IMPERFECT END TO A RECORD YEAR England's efforts at Twickenham denied New Zealand the chance to complete 1997 with a perfect record of 12 wins from 12 international matches. However the All Blacks have eclipsed the ten calendar year wins of South Africa in 1995.

HEW ZEALAND BIATCH BY MATCH IN 1967 June 14 v Fill 71-5 June 21 v Argentina 93-8 (Hamilton) June 28 v Argentina (Christchurch) 30-13 July 19 v South Africa (Johannesburg) 35-32 July 26 v Australia 33-48 Aug 9 v South Africa (Auckland) Aug 16 v Australia 36-24 Nov 15 v Ireland 63-15 (Dublin) Nov.22 v England (Old Trafford) 25-8 Nov 29 v Wales Dec 6 v England 1997 RECORD: Played 12 Won 11 Drawn 1 Lost 0

have set them apart. Curiously, it was here that they let themselves down.

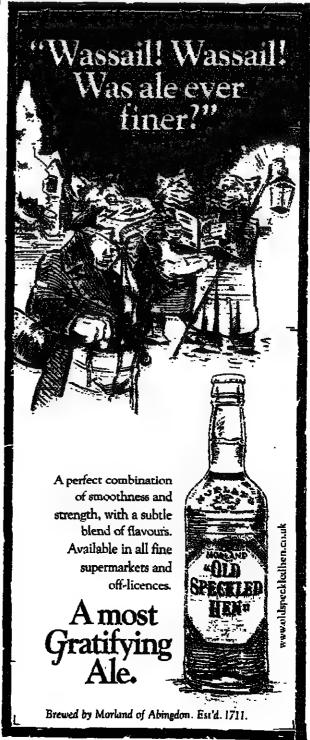
To say that they are the best team of all time is ill-conceived. Hart himself said that it is unfair, indeed impossible, to hold the sporting achievements of one generation against those of another. History, however, shows that the Ali Blacks have always been in the vanguard.

gland's champion county, Devon, 55-4. They registered 429 points in nine matches. If today we admire the ability of Jones, Brooke, Hewitt and the rest to join in among the backs, then what impressed Arthur Gould, the Wales centre of the last century, was the speed and agility with which the whole team of 1905 moved and that "everyone was a threequarter".

In 1924, they swept through this country to win every one of their 28 games. They were Cliff Porter's "invincibles". If we have come to admire the 21-year-old Christian Cullen at full back, in the mid-Twenties the All Blacks could boast George Nepia, who was, by then, considered the greatest in his position at the time. He was 19. There is much more. If we

respect their handling skills. who can forget Wilson Whineray, the captain and prop of the 1963 touring team, who ran and dummied his way over from 30 metres to score the final try against the Barbarians at Cardiff Arms Park? New Zealand also hold the records for the most consecutive international wins, with 17 between 1965 and 1968, and the most without defeat - 23 between 1987 and 1990.

The present All Blacks cherish their heritage and are simply continuing a tradition so great that they have made themselves the most respected rugby nation on earth. England will have felt a warm glow on Saturday evening, but they will feel accursed that, with a 17-point advantage, they did not finally enjoy the glory of victory. They are destined to be men who very nearly became famous, of which there are many. It comes to only the few to triumph against the All



NETBALL: COACH SENSES VICTORY AS HER YOUNG SIDE RATTLE NEW ZEALAND

Beardwood delighted as England save pride

WHAT do you say when you have watched your team beaten by 12 goals to lose the first of three international matches in a series that you are expected to lose outright? According to Mary Beardwood. the England coach, the official line was: "They were rattled out there, they didn't like it."

And she did not mean England, her plucky band of youngsters; she meant New Zealand, the former world champions and victors by 47-35 at the Brighton Centre on Saturday. Beardwood was a happy coach.

It seems that everything in netball is relative. Last time the two sides met. England lost by 30 goals, so to whittle that margin down to 12 is quite an achievement. New Zealand are a big and powerful side. Most of their squad stand around the six-foot mark. while their goalkeeper. Tanya Cox, could best be described as a large presence in the circle. There is a lot of Tanya Cox.

Yet, despite their size. New Zealand are fleet of foot. They move the ball around with speed and venom, have more than a few deft moves in and around the circle and can defend accurately and in

While England began well enough, looking sharp in the first few minutes as they took a 4-1 lead, they soon found every route to goal blocked by a wall of black shirts. Before too long. New Zealand had eased into the lead and looked as if they were going to notch up another big score as Teresa Tairi and Belinda Colling found their range.

By the start of the third quarter. England were 22-12 behind and it was time for a change of personnel and tacties. Beardwood replaced her strike force of Lisa Stanley and Tracey Neville -- sister of Phil and Gary Neville, of Manchester United, and a women having a bad day at the office — with Lorraine Law standing 6ft 3in, she had the face.

height if not the weight to

Initially, the plan worked as England put away five goals and were getting into an effective rhythm. New Zealand called for a time-out to slow things down, but, just as the game was restarting. English luck ran out. One of the umpires, Bill Alexander, fell awkwardly and twisted his ankle. It took several minutes for the medics to patch him up and wheel him away before the game could restart. By then. New Zealand had regrouped and the bounce had

gone out of England. Surrounded by the new generation of England players. it was left to the experienced heads of Fiona Murtagh and Lucia Sdao, two 30-yearolds with 173 caps between them, to find a way back. Murtagh, the captain, is not fond of losing and, against such strong opposition, she gave as good as she got. Whenever a New Zealand player was sent sprawling on the floor, Murtagh was never too far away.

She went for the long ball tactic in the final minutes. hurling everything towards Law, who racked up the goals to let England finish with their pride intact. England had limited New Zealand to 47 goals - poor by their standards - and drawn the fourth quarter [f-ii.

Hostilities will be resumed in Birmingham on Wednesday and Newcastle on Saturday and Beardwood is convinced England can win before the week is out. "We still need more speed through the centre." she said, "and we need more practise against that sort of defence. There are still some 50-50 balls we need to come out with - but we can beat them." She would not risk money on the result and she would not be drawn on how she would plot the downfall of New Zealand, but there was a canny smile on Beardwood's



Lyn Carpenter, the England goal-attack, tries to find a way past Belinda Blair, of New Zealand, in the first of the countries' three internationals in Brighton

Sailing

Edwards sails into deep water to prove a point

By EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT

knows what people think of her in the chauvinistic world of British sailing. She may know some of it, but human nature being what it is, the most damning indictments are delivered by those out of

The gist of them is that she has no business trying to sail the former ENZA — now Royal & Sun Alliance around the world to a non-stop record. This is men's business and an all-female crew will be out of their depth and may well die. They have no chance of breaking any record. Simply going round and then claiming the fastest all-female circumnavigation is merely a technical record but no great

achievement.
The male critics say Edwards and her women are scared of the 92ft catamaran and, for psychological and physical reasons, will not be able to push her to her limits, as the all-male crew, skip-pered by Sir Peter Blake and Sir Robin Knox-Johnston, did on their record-breaking voyage in 1994. The women on the Royal & Sun Alliance are, allegedly, bickering over who their real leader is and are woefully short of multihull

experience.
On that analysis, Edwards might as well forget it now and save herself, and us, a lot of trouble

Yet the plucky former skip-per of the Whitbread yacht, Maiden, whose crew is on standby for the off any day now, is used to the background chatter of boys who know better and of men who resent the fact that a woman has the nerve to go and get insurance company to tackle a challenge that most men would not dream of attempting.

Edwards's stock response to the jibes is along the lines of: "Well, we'll just have to go out and prove them wrong." Her mission is as much to go out and set records - men's and women's - as to break down the "bloody ignorance" of those who believe women cannot compete on equal terms with men. Some top female sailors agree with those who say that



Edwards: on a mission

women cannot hope to match their male counterparts when faced with the physical challenges of ocean racing, some-thing the experience of the allfemale crew on EF Education in the Whitbread Round the World yacht race seems to bear out.

However, Edwards does not accept this: women, she says, must simply train harder and get stronger and litter, not only to take on the men, but to change attitudes so that male skippers of high-profile cam-paigns will regard women as

TRACY Edwards says that she several million pounds from an being just as useful potential

The mund-the-world attempt by Edwards and her ten-strong multinational crew is the final part of an exceptionally ambitious campaign. whether for men or wurner. Edwards set herself three itamutable goals when she launched the project last May: the trans-Atlantic record, the Round Britain and Ireland record and now the round-theworld attempt.

The concern has arways been that bad luck with the weather, as much as anything else, could lead to repeated failure, as it has done with the first two record attempts, giving the critics plenty of scope for justifying their position. Margins are tight on all three records and, sailing in what is essentially an old generation boat, the chances of improving Olivier de Kersuason's roundthe-world time of 71 days set this year after six attempts are remote indeed.

Realistically, Edwards's voyage must be judged in degrees of success. If she and her crew get round non-stop, they will be the fastest allfemale circumnavigators. If they get round in under S0 days, they will be only the fourth crew to do that.

If they beat ENZA's time of 74 days, they will have sailed the same boat faster than an all-male crew, which even the most prejudiced of her male detractors will find hard to ignore, if they break de Kersuason's time of 71 days. they will be the fastest crew of all time, if they do that, the in professional sailing will be

CURLING

Questions remain over Scotland

DOUGLAS DRYBURGH led Scotland to their second win at the European championships here in Germany yesterday. However, his squad, which will represent Great Britain at the winter Olympic Games in February, struggled to beat Denmark 8-

5 in the second round. An attacking early game helped the Scots take a 4-3 lead at the break, but danger loomed in the sixth end, when the Danes lodged a well it told in the opening tie they crushed France 13-1

FROM BILL MELVILLE IN FUSSEN

protected rock in the centre of the house and Dryburgh failed to convert. Sustained pressure from the Danes forced the match to an extra end before the Scots won.

Having surprised Scottish opposition with his Olympic and Furnmean selections. Dryburgh is under pressure to prove his credentials here.

against Holland on Saturday. The Dutch were not expected to pose a threat, but wayward play by Scotland allowed them to take singles at the first three ends. Despite a recovery, the Scots scraped home 7-5 after the ten ends.

By contrast, the Scotland women's rink skipped by Kirsty Hay, played with authority to overcome the unfancied Italians 12-2 in the first round. In the second,

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

On the hand below, East opened One Club and South intervened with One Diamond: then East-West had an uninterrupted auction to get to Six Hearts. I was asked if there was a reasonable sequence to get to Seven Hearts. The grand slam is a good bet. It is laydown if the trumps are 2-1 (78 per cent), and may still make if North has Q x x of trumps.

Dealer East

Rubber Bridge

•A10432 **7J108532 +A4**

• Q VAK64 +KQ7 **#AQ743**

This is another good hand for splinters (discussed in Weekend last Saturday). I suggested the following sequence (South One Club):

1 H 4 D (2) 4 S (4) 6 D (5) 1) Splinter bid, showing spade shortage and at least four-card heart support.

2) Cue-bid - hearts is the agreed suit. East is right to sign off. Although he has good controls. his playing strength is

4) Both cue-bids. 5) This is the critical bid. West can see that a grand slam is probable provided East's hearts are headed by the ace-king. In good company it is normal to play that a bid at the six level immediately below the agreed trump suit asks partner to bid seven if his trumps are better than they might be for the bidding so far. West knows that there is no danger of East bidding

Seven with just the ace-queen

or king-queen of hearts: if that was all West needed, he would have bid Five No-Trumps (the so-called "grand slam force") over East's Five Club bid. 6) It is customary to comment "tired but happy".

The only point in the play is to cater for a bad trump break. If trumps are 2-1 West has six tricks in hearts, one in spades. four in the minors and two ruffs in the East hand. But if North has queen to

three trumps, one of the ruffs disappears - three of East's trumps are needed to pick up North's queen. Say North leads a diamond. West wins in hand, plays a trump to the king on which South shows

Now West should ruff a club back into hand; that way he has three entries to dummy to ruff clubs three times, and a fourth entry to cash the queen of clubs if it has become

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SPEY CAST a. Fishing technique b. Induced female infertility c. Made by spun injection mouldir

QUICK FIRING a. High temperature pottery kiln a. Up country b. Using brass-cased ammunition

c. An aŭromatic rifle

DOUBLE DECLUTCH a. A Ju-Jitsu throw b. A call at Canasta c. Driving technique

b. Writing desk fixative

c. Union of London Usherettes Answers on nage 44.



BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORILESPONDENT

Fide championship

The championship of Fide, the World Chess Federation, starts today in Groningen, Holland and will transfer to the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, Switzerland from January 1 to 9 1998. The leading contenders are Anatoly Karpov. Boris Gelfand. Viswanathan Anand, Veselin Topalov and Vassily Ivanchuk. Great Britain is represented by Michael Adams, Nigel Short. Matthew Sadler and Peter Wells. Adams is seeded No 8 while Sadler is No 13 and Short No 14.

Sadly for the credibility of this event as a true world championship, both Garry Kasparov (ranked No I in the world) and Vladimir Kramnik (No 2), have declined to participate. Anatoly Karpov, the reigning Fide champion, is seeded directly to the final and will pick up a minimum of \$768,000, simply by appearing for the final match. Regular reports on the Fide championship will appear in this

Veteran's victory

The veteran grandmaster Viktor Korchnoi, seeded No 45 in the Fide championship, has demonstrated his continuing strength by winning a short tournament in the Czech Republic. Here is one of his wins from that wurnament.

White: Viktor Korchnoi Black: Jan Smejkal Ceska Trebova 1997

English Opening N.D

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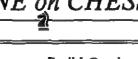


section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

White to play. This position is piece ahead in this endgame,







☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

By Raymond Keene

a variation from the game Speelman — Sax, Thessaloniki Olympiad 1988. White is a but there is a serious danger of the game being drawn by stalemate. How can White sidestep this possibility?



McEnroe finds umpire is still serious

JOHN McENROE had his customary explosive outburst and an eyeball-toeyeball confrontation with the umpire, Kim Craven, before winning the Honda Challenge Senior Singles at the Albert Hall yesterday. McEnroe beat Henri Leconte, of France, by winning the special tie-break 10-5 after he had taken the first

set 6-2 and lost the second 6-3. There had been few signs of trouble before McEnroe, trailing 5-3 in the second set and 30-15 on his own service, had a first service down the middle called out by a line judge, Syd Slawther. McEnroe advanced to the net, climbed over it and

By Our Sports Staff

TENNIS: ALBERT HALL OFFICIALS GREETED WITH FAMILIAR VOLLEY OF ABUSE

put a ball down on the line. Then he demanded an overrule from the umpire and, when refused, said to the official:
"You are full of "This earned him a code violation for "verbal abuse".

Then, having lost the set, McEnroe had a face-to-face confrontation with the umpire. Craven said later: "John told me I had got that look in my eye and perhaps

he should see me outside. McEnroe was still not happy. He had what he called "a philosophical talk" with Slawther about the line call, receiving a slow hand-clap from spectators demanding that he should get on with the match. The tie-break proved an annelimax. McEnroe advancing to 9-2 and holding seven match points, three of which Leconte saved, before losing 10-5.

McEnroe said later: "I can't win. The crowd yell at me to get mad and, when I do, they still yell at me. I don't think tennis has enough leeway. I watched those rugby players punching the lights out of each other yesterday and I feel like a cissy in comparison. We should have a punching bag by the side of the court to let off a bit of steam."

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FOOTBALL. FA Carling Premiership Sheffield Wednesday v Barnsley (8 0) Auto Windscream Shrekt Southern section First round

Bristol Rovers v Cambridge Utd (7 45) FA UMBRO TROPHY: Third qualitying round: Bradlord Park Avenue v Laigh RM. Great Harwood v Witton (7 45). Third qualitying round replay: Mergate v Corby (7 45). (7 %a) AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: Feet division: Luton v Swindon (at Hitchin FC, 7 0)

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PONTRY'S LEAGUE: First division:
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CUP: Semi-first, second leg: Shelbourne
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THE TIMES FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Burton v Nothingham Forest, Chelsee v Wimbledon, Swansea v Brandord, West Harn v Milhell, Waltord v Northampton, Bury v Poterborough, Second-replay: Manchester Utd v Blackburn

OTHER SPORT ICE HOCKEY: Superleague: Ayr Scotlish Eagles v Manchesler Storm (7 30) RACING: Southwell (AW, first race 1.0), Ludlow (12 35), Mussetburgh (12 20)

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL UEFA CUP, Third round, aecond leg-Action Villa (1) v Steaus Bucharesi (2) (7 45) NATIONWIDE LEACUE: Pirat divisions Charlion v Shaffied Uni (7 45) Portsmouth v Wolverhampton (7.45). VAUXHALL CONFERENCE Haldax Northwest (7 45)

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round: Southern section: Barnet v Walsafi
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Wycombe (7 45): Northern section: Carlisle
v Okthern (7 45): Chesterfield v Grimbly
(7 45): Monaster v Rochdale, Hull v
Southorough, Preston v Darlington (7 45), Southrope v Chester, Wigan v Lincoln
(7 45)

(7.45) BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Aberdeen v Cettic (7.45); Dundes Utd v Heerts (7.45). RUGBY UNION UNIVERSITY MATCH: Oxford v Cambridge

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD BASKETBALL: European Cup: Honved (Hun) v London Towers (7 30) BOWLS: Scottish Masters (In Coalibridge)

FOOTBALL

OTHER SPORT

THURSDAY BASKETBALL: Classic Cole National Cup; Semi-final, first leg: London Towers v Leicester Riders (8.0). RACING: Feleninam (12.40), Market Rasen (12.60). Taylon (1.0).

IMMING: ASA national winter mpronships (at Ponds Forge, Sheffield), PRIDAY FOOTBALL

OTHER SPORT

SATURDAY **FOOTBALL**

RACING: Huntingdon (12.30), Pumpio (12.40), Sadgefield (12.50)

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GURP CHAMPIONS* LEAGUE: Group A: Galetaseray v Parma
(7 45): Sparta Prague v Borussia Dortmund
(7 45): Aventus v Manchester Utd (7 45)
Group C: Noversativ v Dynamo Kev (7 45)
PSV Bridhoven v Barcelona (7 45): Real
Macrid v FC Porto (7 45): Group D: Gympakos FC v Rosenborg (7 45): Real
Macrid v FC Porto (7 45): Group E: Bayer
Munich v IFK Gothenburg (7,45): Group F:
Bayer Levertusen v AS Monaco (7 45);
Sporting Labora v Lisrae SN (7,45)

BASKETBALL: Bucherlager Langue: New-castle Englies v Manchester Gazes (7.30) Classic Cola National Cup: Semi-final, First leg: Tharmas Valley Tigers v Eirmingham Bullets (8.0). BOWLS: Scottsth Masters (in Coatbridge) RACING: Unglield Park (AW. 1 10), Hawham (12 50), Larcester (1.0).

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division; Oxford Utd v Queens Park Rangers (7 45), Second division; Bristol Rovers v Grimsby (7.45). Third division; Cambridge Utd v Exelet (7 45)

RACING: Lingfield Park IAW, 12,40), Cheltenham (12 45), Doncester (12.05). SWIMMING: ASA national winter championships (at Ponds Forge, Shelfield)

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Blackburn; Barnstay v Newcastle: iLING PREMIERSHIP: Arsenal v in: Barnstay v Newcastle: Cressea v Coventry v Todenham: * Crystal

Birmingham v Manchester City, Bradford v Bury, Charlton v Port Valer Huddersheld v Norwich: Ipswich v Portsmouth, Middleshrough v Reading; Shelfield Utd v Swindon: Stockport v Trannerer. Stoke v Crewe, Sunderland v West, Bromwich Second division: Bereitond v Blackpool, Burdley v Wigen: Carlisle v Futham: Chesterfield v Lutor; Galingham v Southend; Pyraudh v Milwall, Preston v Northampton: Walsali v Button; Galingham v Southend; Pivraudh v Milwall, Preston v Northampton: Walsali v Bournemouth; Walford v Bristol City: Wycombe v Ottham, York v Wiredham, Third division: Barnet v Macolesifeld, Cardiff v Peterborough, Chester v Darington, Hull v Corchester; Lincoln v Hantlepoot, Mansfield v Brighton: Notits Courry v Doncaster, Rochidale v Swanaee, Rotherman v Torquey; Sourthorpe v Scarborough; Strewsbury v Leyton Onent VALIXHALL CONFERENCE: Chettenham v Monscambe; Famborough v Yeovil Gateshead v Stevenage Herelord v Hednestort Kattering v Weltingt, Leek v Haiffzer-Northwich v Southport: Rushelm and Damonds v Dover; Slough v Kidderminster Stelvbridge v Tellord; Wolving v Hayes BELL's SCOTTISH LEAGUE. Promer division: Cebt v Hearts, Dunder v String; Greenock Morton v Fakarc Harrator v Andhe; Parik v Radi, Second division: Clyde v Queen of South; Cyddebank v Inventes Edit, Sat Fine Jerden; Forlar v Livingston, Stenhousemur v Cowderbeath, Berwick v Montrose: Edit Sarling v Alton, Queen's Park v Allog Ross Courry v Dumbarton.

RUGBY UNION

ALLIED DUNBAR PREMIERSHIP: First division: Bristol v Richmond (3.0), Harbardunis v Wasps (3.0), Lelcester v Sale (2.15), London Insh v Northampton (3.0). Second division: Coventry v Blackheath (3.0), Fylde v Orrei (2.15), London Scottesh v Rotherham (3.0): Moseley v Waterleak (3.0), Waterleak (3.0), Waterleak (3.0), Waterleak (3.0), V Easter (3.0). JEWSON NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Hamogate v London Welsh (2.15) Liverpool St Helens (2.30), Nottingham v Rosslyn Park (3.0)

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WELSH LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardili v Swansea (2 30). Elbiw Vale v Neath (2.0), Newmont v Llanek (2.0). Pomypnod v Cross Keys (2 0), Dunvant v Aberavon (2 0). Elbiw Vale v Neath (2.0), Partypool v Merthyr (2.0), Runney v Caerphilly (2.0), South Wales Police v Massreg (2.0); Treactiv v Abertilleny (2.0) was proposed (2.0); Treactiv v Abertilleny (2.0) was proposed (2.0). Treactiv v Abertilleny (2.0) was proposed (2.0). Mellour (2.0); Harwick v Boroughmun (2.0). Mellour (2.0); Harwick v Boroughmun (2.0). Mellour (2.0); Second division: Bedsar v Kelso (2.0); Second division: Bedsar v Kelso (2.0).

Dundae HSFP v Gala IZ O: Kilmamock v Peebles (2.0) Kilkcaldy v Musseburg (2.0). Preston Lodge v Giacgos Hasse (2.0) Third division: Gerothes v Steram : Melville FP (2.0). Gordonans v Giacgos Southern (2.0). Hilhead Indiantis - Apr (2.0): Selsin v Aberdesn GSFP (2.0). Steram v Gangemouth (2.0). Alb LEAGUE: First division: Babyre (1.) v Blackooth College (2.30). Dictions v Young Munster (2.30). Ganyouser v Cot Bettector (2.30). Gid Crescent / Coft Constitution (2.30). Shamon v Clontar (2.30). St Mary (2.30). Shamon v Clontar (2.30). Monistocan v Wandares (2.30). Clo Wesley v Manore (2.30). Shamon v Clontar (2.30). Monistocan v Clontar (2.30). Shamon v Clontar (2.30

BASKETBALL: Budwesser League: Derby Storm - London Trasers (7 30) Newtoste Engles - Bermingham Bullets (8 0): Thames Valley Tigers - Sheffied Shairs S.C. Urb-ball Trophy: Group stages: Cristal Pauce - Wattord Royals (7 30), Worthing Sears -V Wattord Royals (8 0) ROYALC: World Royald Combinations

RACING: Chehenram 12.45; Doncaster 112.05; Haydoriz Park 112.50; Linched Park 12.30; Wolvernamoon; AW 70; change and 200.

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OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Budweser League: Bernningham Bullets - Derth, Storm (6:30). Userbas Trophy: Group stages: Chester Jets - Leventer Picter: (7:30). Shatters Shatter Avertacks: Eagles: (6:0).

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RACING: CELERIC'S OWNER IS NEXT SENIOR STEWARD OF THE JOCKEY CLUB

Spence takes position of power

RACING CORRESPONDENT

HRISTOPHER SPENCE. wner-breeder of Celeric, the inner of the Gold Cup at oval Ascot, will be elected day as the next senior stew-'d of the Jockey Club - an opointment which could ave wide-ranging implica-ons for racing in the next

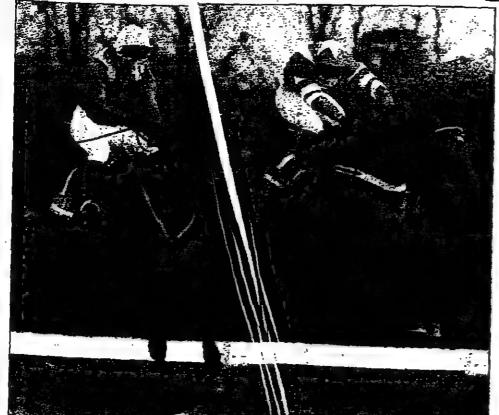
He will succeed Sir Thomas Ikington on July I and serve ur years in the post, How-rer, just as significantly, bence's elevation to the top in the Jockey Club also teans he will return as a rector on the British lorseracing Board (BHB) -viich has prompted specula-tin that he could succeed Ird Wakeham as the next HB chairman.

Spence was not only a funding director of the BHB br. as a close friend of Lord hrington, the first BHB cairman, he was deeply inwved in the creation of a new ning body for racing. ord Wakeham's four-year

ien as BHB chairman ends in June 2000. However, brause of the vagaries of the BiB election timetable there is a chance that the former Coinet minister could step don from the post a year ealy. He was elected a BHB discior in June 1995 for four yers, which means he would hae to resubmit himself for a futher four-year term as a dictor 12 months before his chirmanship is scheduled to en as the chairman must be an xisting board member.

l is far from certain Waeham would wish to do the especially as his patience wit some board members an racing's squabbling faction has been stretched to the lim in recent months.

he timing of Wakeham's depriure matters less than with BHB director will commad the support to assume



Ask Tom, left, leads Viking Flagship at Sandown of a Saturday. Photograph: Ed Byrne

the chairmanship when it does become vacant. Peter Savill, the outspoken owners' representative, would no doubt like the job and he is recognised as having an excellent grasp of the options and problems facing racing. However, facing racing. However, Savill's somewhat antagonis-

tic manner means he has few committed supporters on the board - and he is considered an outsider for the job.
Angus Crichton-Miller, the

new Racecourse Association chairman, has made a bright start as a BHB director but the distrust between owners and;

LEADERS OVER THE JUMPS Jockeys

the racecourses effectively nul-Rhydian Morgan-Jones, the

former president of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, has had his name Boated but as one insider observed yesterday, "potential successors are few and far between". Hence the importance of Spence's arrival. What is not certain is wheth-

es " racing as a whole would be ha ppy having another Jockey Club man running the BHBwhether Spence feels he shot, ild be senior steward and BHB chairman at the same time. However, there is no doubti ng that his common sense a 'nd business skills will

the 13HB table. El e cted to the Jockey Club in

1986, 1 te is chairman and chief executi ve of English Trust, an investment banking company formed, i, n 1977. He is chairman of R acecourse Holdings Trust (RHT, T), the Jockey Club subsidiary v hich owns a dozen racecourrses, and the Epsom race (2 mmittee, which Oversees the L'Aerby. However, he is best known

as the own er-breeder of Celeric, whose magnificent victories in the Coold Cup and the Yorkshire Ci'l p this year won him the Cartie, raward for stayer of the year.

Spence's formal et e ction this morning will result in the juggling of various p'o sis. He will step down as chair nan of RHT next April and be succeeded by Christopher S porborg, who in turn will resign as one of the Jockey Club's nominees to the BHB and & replaced by David Sie. 1. Spence will replace Sir Thom as Pilkington on the BHB board, while David Oldrey and Andrew Parker Bowles will continue as the other Jockey Club representatives on the board. ☐ Mongol Warrior

Smart Squall completed a double for Lord Huntingdon in listed races at Toulouse yesterday.



Spence: business skills

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12.3 The Sharrow Legend 1.1 ROSSELL ISLAND (nap) 1.4/Club Caribbean

2.10 Now We Know 2.40 Freeline Fontaine

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1235 MICHAEL PERROTT NOTICES CLAIMING HURDLE

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FORM FOCUS

Classic Coltains 55! 7th of 13 to Better Offer in nonce hundle at hundle 2m 110yd, good to firm) with Surprise City (6b hence at 9 91 12m The Stramow Legend purified up in nonce hundle aleogenetal (2m 51 10yd good to firm) previously 111 7th of 16 to Silly Maney in nonce hundle purified at Donaces (2m 10yd good a Among Islands 51 2nd of 16 to Final Said in Ching Indie at Luchtw (2m, good) with Meadow Dencer (tenels) 181 4th. HE SHAROW LEGERO has shown some promise and is worth a chance in a had race

1 HUGH SUMMER NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

Mr Strang Gale 3'41 3rd of 9 to Phylatelic in nonce handrage charge at Mincareon (2m 5), good to soft) Swing Quartet 181 6in charge 9 to affect on the Breach in handrage hundle at Easter (2m 3), good) and charge 9 to affect on to not hardre at Southwell (3m 110)d, good to firm). Rosseld and charge of the Armed at Manage 9 Warner (2m 6) 100 d, good to soft) with depend of the Armed to accurate at Warner (2m 6) 100 d, good to soft) with depend of the Armed Say 81 th of 10 to Warner up 198 in nonce handrage charge (3m 6) 11 for good to soft).

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SHROPSHIRE BUILDING CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP

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Nicholls plan

SEE MORE BUSINESS, winner of the Coral Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow on Saturday, is unlikely to reappear until Haydock in January. He's entered for the King George at Kempton on Boxing Day, but would only run if the ground was really soft, his trainer, Paul Nicholls, said.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE A ACECARD 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF.F.B.S) (Mrs., D Rouwsonn 8 Half 12-0 8 West (7) 88

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2.10 THE PRINCE OF WALES CHALLENGE TROPHY AMA TEUR HANDICAP CHASE (£2,736; 3m) (8 runners)

SECTING: 9-4 Non-Yie Knew 7-2 Island Pastner, 4-1 Jim Valorates, 9-2 Bore Hill, 8-1 Milyter 6, 100. 14-1 cmms. 1986: OPNL'S TEASPOT 9-10-0 Miss Y Roberts (16-1): J Bradley 5 can

FORM FOCUS:

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2.40 P & T JONES MOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (22.402 2m 51 110yd) (13 runners)

FORM FOCUS:

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FREELINE FORTABLE gains the chance in date on decent ground and will improve

3.10 ROBERT HOLDEN MOVICE'S CHASE (£3,113: 2m) (6 runners) ### 1990 SCUTTISH BANKH 8-11-5 A Margina's (11-0) P Winter 4 ran

Kadasarof beet John Drumm 71 in 5-rumar source chase at Warneck (2m, good to 3-rull) Mrs Em beat Camillas Legacy 11-in 5-rumer mares nounce chase at Warneck (2m, good to soil) Aktington Chappis 827 file of 2 to Bustendge in selling to hundred hundle at Mereland (2m 11, good to soil) Speedwell Prince 407 5th of 12 to Herhorse in noince chase at Warneck (2m of 110), good to soil) Charming Girl leff in handicap hundle at Unioneter (2m) good to limit), previously 211 5th of 8 to More Dash Thancash in handicap hundle at Doncastes (2m) 110pd, good) KADASTROF is a line recruit to chasing and can outgoing his Em

3.40 OLDFIELD STANDARD OPEN MATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,329 2m) (18 rurners)

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1- BILY SOX ZZ (O.S.) (A Technique of McCount 5.77-11 D Bridgestor P ALL FOR THE CRACK (194 (6) Count P Charmers 14-11-4 A Theorem 3 URITY COZEN-25 (85) (Ms. C Scallo) D McColem-5-11-4 R Massey (2) GBBON BOY (1) Reville 1 Health 5-11-4 C Tourney JARREY (Ms. Parcel Seyettson) I George 5-11-4 F Tourney JEVINGTON (Ms. Parcel Seyettson) I George 5-11-4 R Judition MURS TOY BOY (P O WT C List Secret) Soups J Doubley 5-11-4 R Judition MURS TOY BOY (P O WT C List Secret) Soups J Doubley 5-11-4 R Judition MURS TOY BOY (P O WT C List Secret) Soups J Doubley 5-11-4 R Judition MURS TOY BOY (P O WT C List Secret) Soups J Doubley 5-11-4 R Judition MURS TOY BOY (P O WT C List Secret) Soups J Doubley 5-11-4 R Judition MURS TOY BOY (P O WT C List Secret) Soups J Doubley 5-11-4 R Judition G WINNING TOWN 25 R R G Records) P Femal 4-11-4 Gave Lawres (3) 8- ZABARS 25T (P OTTE) E Thorton 4-11-4 Record 1 B Powell 0 ADVENTURE R PROCESS 14 is thereomy (F Magnet 4-10-13 Risk K P OTTE) R P Michael STROMG SPICE (Ms. C Hicks) Miss C Hicks 6-10-13 W J. Remoted (T Marcel Lawres) C Barroot 5-10-13 R R K R D A P Michael TILL TOMORROW (D McCare) D McCare 15-10-13 Miss L Lawrey (T) 8 WHEN TR RANKS 20 (T BROWS) D Sanchell 4-10-13 Miss L Lawrey (T) 8 WHEN TR RANKS 20 (T BROWS) D Sanchell 4-10-13 Miss L Lawrey (T) 8 WHEN TR RANKS 20 (T BROWS) D Sanchell 4-10-13 Miss L Lawrey (T) B WHEN TR RANKS 20 (T BROWS) D Sanchell 4-10-13 Miss L Lawrey (T) B WHEN TR RANKS 20 (T BROWS) D Sanchell 4-10-13 Miss L Lawrey (T) B WHEN TR RANKS 20 (T BROWS) D Sanchell 4-10-13 Miss L Lawrey (T) B WHEN TR RANKS 20 (T BROWS) D Sanchell 4-10-13 Miss L Lawrey (T) B WHEN TR RANKS 20 (T BROWS) D Sanchell 4-10-13 Miss L Lawrey (T) B WHEN TR RANKS 20 (T BROWS) D Sanchell 4-10-13 Miss L Lawrey (T) B WHEN TR RANKS 20 (T BROWS) D Sanchell 4-10-13 Miss L Lawrey (T) B WHEN TR RANKS 20 (T BROWS) D Sanchell 4-10-13 Miss L Lawrey (T) B WHEN TR RANKS 20 (T BROWS) D Sanchell 4-10-13 Miss L Lawrey (T) B WHEN TR RANKS 20 (T BROWS) D Sanchell 4-10-13 Miss L Lawrey (T) B SETTINGS: 11-8 Clay Ocean, 5-2 Billy Bar, 7-1 Se bily Rossny, 6-1 Jahren, 20-1 Gallann (Roy, Jeongton, 25-1 L'Indea, Sony Of The Study, 23-1 others.

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SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Sandown

Going: good good to soft in places 12.50 ;3m 110yd chi 1, Thermal Wernor (C Ulawalyn: 20-1); 2, Symbol Ot Success (S-1 y-tay), 3, Foodbroker Ster (12-1) Frazer Island 3-1 g-tay 6 ran 11/11/5] JOH Tote C18 10, 52 50, 51 70 DF £17 80 CSF-567.89

\$67.86
1.25 (2m 6) Indie) 1, Erlendship (M A Experaid, 3-1 Sto) 2, Nor's Fuster (7-1), 3, Coucharit (13-2) 12 rain 1-6, 35-1 N Heriderson Tote £4.10, £180, £200, £2.20, DF £13.70 Tro £85.70 CSF £23.47, Tocast, £120.08
1.55 (2m ch 1, Direct Rouse (A P McCoy, 3-1) 2, Crack On (14-1), 3, Queen Ol Spades (11-2) Space Trocker 5-2 Lav 7 rain 1; 94, J Howard Johnson, Tote £3.70; £2.60, £2.70, DF £19,30 CSF £35.90, 2.30, 2/20, 2/31, 1.35, 1.35, 1.3 2200 (27.7), Diff 19.30 CSF 255 90, 2.30 (2m ch 1), Ald Tom (R Gamith), B-1), 2. Vilung Plagship (9-2), 3, Or Ployal (9-2) Klairon Danis 6-4 tax 7 ran Hd St T Tale Toke £6 40, £2.70, £2.10 DF, £14.80 CSF £29 49

239 49 3.05 (2m 1 Oyd Indle) 1, Mayor Jamile (Mr R Walsh, 25-1); 2, Nahvawahi (20-1); 3, Asbeng (15-2); 4, Princelul (7-1) Gamele 4-1 tav 21 ren 1 191, 1341 A Moore Tote 229 00, 23-20, 25-60, 22-60, 22-30 DF; ESS8 30 Tro 22-96-4-60 CSF: 2415-58 Trocss; 23.751-56. Tocast: £3.751.96.
3.40 (2m 110y) holes 1. Balladur (A P McCo; 7-2; 2. Near Feat (8-1), 3. Dego (7-2; Sof;aán 11-4 thr 7 tan 4l, 2*4l Mrs J Firman Tota: £3.40; £2.30, £3.10 DF: £15.40 CSF. £27.64.
Jackpot: not won (pool of £15,181.50 ctmited forward to Musserburgh today).
Plecepot: £556.50. Quedpot: £142.10.

Chepstow

1.15 1, Serame Seed (9-2); 2, Holdmolose (16-1), 3, Mrss Roberto (5-1), Lough Yully 2-1 tev 8 ran 2-1 per 8 ran 1.45 1, Dom Samoural (100-30), 2, Rwer Mandale 18-11, 3, Little Marina (7-1) Grentme 9-4 ter 7 ran NR: A N C Express. 2.15 1, See More Business (9-4), 2, Indian Tracker (3-1), 3, Banjo (2-1 lav) 6 ren 2.50 1. Lyphard's Fable (8-1); 2, Forunes Rose (12-1), 3, The Seas (4-1) Question 2-1

3.50 1. Lord Jim (7-4 tay), 2. Crystal Jowel 112-1), 3. Fitomasioco (20-1), 12 ran. NR-Machah, Solazzi

Towcester

1; 245 1 Jet Files (8-1); 2, in The Blood (9-2; 3, Swyldard Phole (11-2) Outslequey 15-8 law 12 tan 12, 71, Anna Soft II (5-1), 2, the Brave (14-1), 3, the Jaze Or Song (9-1) Museum 5-2 law, 10 1.50 1, Refeazone Beau (5-1), 2, Tevan Baby (3-1) 3, Bank Avenue (10-1) Herny Cone 5-2 fav 10 ran 2.25 1, Danger Plynn (11-4 fav); 2, Needon 300 Poppy (8-1); 3, Enerael (8-1) 11 ran; 1 NR: Saucy Nun 3.00 1, 1 Dande's Couseder (100-30 (4-lay), 2, Sr. Le parael (10-1); 3, A N C Express (13-2), Fo rannes Course, Price's Hall 100-30 (4-lay), 2, 32 1, 1 Humbhill (2-5 fav), 2, Crazy Cruseder (2-9-1), 3, Father McCaren (14-1) 14 rgn, MR: Balybolen, Countrymen

Wethe rby 12.40 1, Apdr tonan (9-4); 2 No Garmicks (4-1); 3, Reyol I (6-4 law) 9 ran 1.10 1 Meille e De Musique (12-1), 2, Purevalue (3-1) 3, Feels Uke Gold (9-2) Deum Mission evens lav 6 ran Mit-Edelwas Du Mos din 1.40 1, Dr Born & (14-1), 2, Niger's Lad (11-2r 3, No More "Hassie (3-1 Tax) 9 ran 2.16 1. Streth Roy at (4-6 Lzv), 2, Colonel in Chief (13-5), 3, Wur simp (12-1), 4 ran 2.40 1, Combrish - Challenge (3-1 lav), 2. Beachy Head (13, 2) 3, Regal Romptr (8-1) 9 ran.

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Maguire's Kempton doubt

BY OUR RACING STAFF

ADRIAN MAGUIRE is involved in a race against time to be fit to ride Barton Bank in the King George VI Chase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day. Maguire fractured his arm in a fall from Mulligan. trained by David Nicholson, in the grade one Mitsubishi Shogun Tingle Creek Trophy

Sandown Park on

Saturday. Mulligan, on the heels of the leaders, was thought to have been distracted by spectators approaching the second-last fence and came down steeply, giving Maguire a heavy fail.

Maguire's wife, Sabrina. said yesterday: "Adrian is feeling a lot better this morning considering he has frac-tured the radius in his right arm. It isn't as bad as he first thought and his chances are about 50-50 of being fit to ride on Boxing Day.

"Adrian seems quite happy with the arm. I suppose he

has missed the last two Cheltenham Festivals so to miss a couple of weeks in December isn't too had."

Nicholson reported Mulligan "a bit stiff" yesterday. "He took a heavy fall and it wasn't his fault, but he'll be all right.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Kadastrof (3.10 Ludlow)

A smart performer over hur-dies, Kadastrof has taken well to the larger obstacles, win-ning his only two starts in fine style. This game front-runner has the class to defy a double

Next best: Rocket Run

There are no immediate plans for him."

Stable-companion Viking Flagship, who narrowly failed to overhaul the Tom Tate-trained Ask Tom on the run-in, has the Castleford Chase at Wetherby over Christmas next on his agenda. At Fairyhouse yesterday, Dorans Pride continued his progress towards the Cheltenham Gold Cup next March when completing a comfortable victory in the Hot Power

Chase_ Just as the 212-mile contest was becoming competitive, the front-running Merry Gale slipped rounding the bend to the fourth-last fence. When Corket came down at that obstacle and Opera Hat tripped over him, it was just Dorans Pride and Jeffell left in the contest.

As he had done at the same course last Easter in the Power Gold Cup. Dorans Pride quickly put Jeffell in his place without Richard Dunwoody ever having to exert any significant pressure. "It's the Ericsson at Leopardstown now at the end of the month," Michael Hourigan, the winning trainer, said.

2.00 HAMLET HANDICAP (Div II: £1.944: 5f) (17)

5-1 Southern Dominism, 6-1 Nobalino, 7-1 Village Native 8-1 Whatey 10-1 Birshtul Brant, Remyholme 12-1 others

2.30 JULIUS CAESAR NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £2.778: 51) (13)

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

12.00 Needwood Legend. 12.30 Kalar. 1.00 Raad 1.30 Kalamata. 2.00 Bashful Brave. 2.30 Super Gell

GOLN.S: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

12,470 KING LEAR HANDICAP (Div t. £.1, 944: 1m 3() (15 runners)

3-1 Sussistantation, 5-1 Moon to long, 7-1 Randeer Ouest, 8-1 Premier Genetation 10-1 Temperong, 12-1 Maga York Retails, Meedwood Logend, Jimpareer, 14-1 others

12.30 HAMLET HA NDIGAP

6-1 Statespook, 7-1 Sentiford Desem. Featherstone Laze, 8 1 Napole Star Hapoles Star, 10-1 Geospyr, Lettle Burr, 12-1 pager;

1.00 KING LEAR HANDICAP

(Div II; £1.944: 1m 3f) (14) NV II; E1,9944; INT 03) (1-9)

1 3103 MAFTUN 243 (C.F.) 6 bit Moore 5-9-10

2 0062 RABFO 14 bit 6 Sweete 5-9-1

3 1635 ROYAL LEGERO 172 (C.F.) 6 Flores 5-9-2

A Clark 14

4 4634 BROUGHTON'S PROSE 136 (C.F.) Ron Thompson 6-5-1

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1 3005 GDLDEN HADEER 14 (CD.F.G.S) M Rvm 6-9-12
2 2133 PRIVATE ROTUBE 9 (C.G.) D Moss 6-9-12
3 1164 PETOSION 9 (F.S.) J Pastos 5-9-10
4 1100 KALAMATA 9 (CD.D.) Gloves 5-9-8
5 3234 GREENSPAN 14 (C.S.) W Murs 5-9-7
5 3244 GREENSPAN 14 (C.S.) W Murs 5-9-7
7 MARKES WIGE 5-9-8
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8 2050 NAVAL GAMES 9 J Boadley 4-9-0
9 1045 PICKES 14 (F) Enco Inccs 5-9-0
10 3221 BRODESSA 9 (D.F.S) Mrs. 45 Revetly 11-8-12
2 SUBBAROU SAM J Bradley 3-8-7
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1 1058 BLIE DESERT 17 (0,8) 6 Limit 8-3

2 0 CAPPECALLE 37 D Movins 8-12

3 0 COLLEGE CLEPPER 194 M Belly 5-12

4 094 CUTTING ANSHARE 24 M Charless 6-12

5 4003 GLENSTAL LOD 28 Hollenberg 8-12

6 0005 DDCWRELER B D Clearwin 3-12

7 0421 LADY ELL 14 (10) 8 Small 8-12

8 4 0RANGE BLISH 22 P Holden 8-12

9 8502 SHAPP MONINCY 9 (V) Mus N Macauley 8-12

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6 0620 BENTICO 36 (V,CD,F) fat in Macauley 1-10-1 Miss K Noore (1) 3
7 0100 SHALAAL 14 (S) IN Treatmen 3-10-1 IN Chapters (7) 4
8 0000 REAU GARDERIC 113 (G) N Letrocate 1-10-2 J T-Ribers (7) 11
9 0200 ASHGORE 2 (C,F,S) (C,Carlett) 7-10-2 Miss P Whate (5) 8
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COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINER'S Mrs. M. Reveley. 27 wenners from 112 numbers. 24-19. M. Presson. 175 from 106, 23-69. M. Johnston, 54 from 252, 21-49. M. Reen, 22-8-78. 124, 17-79. Gilberts 6-8-78. 56-16-79. JOCKEYS, 17 Denth, 4 wasners from 14 note: 25 6%, N Day, 9 hom 35, 25 7%, 10 Biggs., 24 Juan 134, 17 9%, P Roberts, 9 hom 62, 14 5%, F Lynch, 20 from 153, 18 1%, 18 Teobort, 9 Juan 71, 12 7%

MUSSELBURGH

12.20 Hurst Pyer. 12.50 Barnstormer. 1.20 Rocket Run. 1.50 Best Of All. 2.20 Leap In The Dark. 2.50 Tom Brodle, 3.20 Joe Buzz. Timekeeper's top rating: 2.20 LEAP IN THE DARK.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

12.20 LONGNIDDRY MARES ONLY MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,101 3m) (13 runners)

12.50 PRESTORPANS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,346-3m) (11)

11-4 Meater Mise 9-2 Community Service, 5-1 She's A Wilson, 10-1 others

1.20 WEE JIMMY MITCHELL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,534, 3m) (9)

230 F.15 - LADDEN'S LIDTO 204 (RF.F.E.S) & Reburst 6-11-10 E Calbustan
22 31-F BLIE CAURM 9 (CD.F) Mrs. S Booksom 7-11-8

Mr M Bradhuroe (7) 120
303 U-13 YOUGH YEST VOT (BF.D.F.E.S) Mrs. J Goodstoon 7-11-30 Storey
304 F-12 MISTER ROSS 36 (D.F.G) H JORNSON 7-11-3 B Storey
305 42-P ROCKET RUN 17 (C.D.F.E.S) Mrs. J Goodstoon 7-11-3 R Samby
306 42-P ROCKET RUN 17 (C.D.F.E.S) Mrs. J Reseat 3-11-3 R Samby
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306 54-9 ROCKET RUN 17 (C.D.F.E.S) R JORNSON 9-10-0 R Johnson
318 2-50 MISS COLETTE 27 (D.F.S) Hrs. D Transcon 9-10-0 M Frester
321 A Market Run 17 (D.F.E.) Hrs. D Transcon 9-10-0 R Johnson
321 J A Market Run 17 (D.F.E.) Hrs. D Transcon 9-10-0 R Johnson
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COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAPIERS: 3 Bony. 4 winners from 9 armers, 44 5%. M Hammond, 29 from 115, 25.2%. Mrs M Reveley, 12 from 49, 25 5%, 3 selferson, 3 from 14 21.4%. P Monteith, 15 from 71, 21 1%. JOCKEYS: P Carbony, 9 winners from 28 rates, 32.1%, P Riven, 13 hom 67, 21.3%, R Ganity, 9 from 65, 20.0%, Mr C Borner, 4 from 21, 19.0%; J Castrophan, 7 from 39, 17.9%, M Frater, 3 from 18, 16.7%

1.50 GOREJSKYDSE HANDICAP HURDLE

7-4 Scamber, 11-4 Best Or All, 11-7 Printy Fair, 6-1 Tremium, 8-1 Rapid Mover 14-1 Majal

2.20 LEVY BOARD NO VICES HANDICAP HURDLE

(22,124: CITI 41) (12)
S01 30-1 BALLESWHIDDEN 16 1G1 R Fainty 3-12-0. L. Wyer
502 PP-1 GLERBOWER 29 (0.G) M Nation 2-40 3-11-10 for C Bornier (3)
503 43-5 LEAP IN THE DARK 17 (0.F.5) 1M: 22 15 open 3-11-3 T Reed
504 2-52 PARSON'S LODGE 14 (6) L LINGTO 9-11-2. W Domining (7)
504 42-5 CHIEF OF KHORASSAN 36 S Admiss-40 3-10-4 E Callaghton
505 14-3 M'S SERMANDOM 16 3 Howard 0.5 m Vers (5-10-2 R McGrath (5)
505 69-0 MOUNTAIN DEPART SER ARIM 4-10-1 B Storey
509 0-30 ALZOTIC 20 J Norton 4-16-0 G Lee (7)
510 -224 LORD OF THE RINGS 37 F Macpay 3-10-4 F Supplie
512 5055 RURISLAW 18 (V) Mrs. Lamb 5-10-0 Miss. S Lamb (7)
513 STARTHEN 5-10-0 Miss. S Lamb (7)
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2.50 HUMBIE NOVICES CHASE (£3, 168- 2m 4f) (12)

805 1/46 MASTER BAVARD 11 (F,G) P Monterith 3-10-12

806 0.6- NOBLE NORMAN 196 Mrs M Renety 6-10-12

9 Niver - Nover - Nover - Niver -15-8 Royal York, 5-2 Tom Brodie 7-2 Carricle Bandito's 10-1 Salem Bleach, Nable Norman 12-1 Master Bevard, 20-1 Campiosaurus 50-1 cener.

3.20 MUSSELBURGH INTERMEDIATE OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (\$1,249-2m) (15)

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BUNKERED FIRST TIME. Ludiow: 12:35 Correption Insh Perry 1:10 Mutch Lark. 1:40 Mrss Pennyhili Musselburgh: 12:20 Celoc Camma. 12:50 Monkey Wench

By NICHOLAS HARLING

THE mirth inspired by Annie-T Simons, the wife of the Leopards' owner, as she collected the inside-leg measure ments of the players rounded off a memorable evening for the Budweiser League champions. "My boys need new tracksuits." she explained. There's no other time we

Or place, it would seem Drinkers in the bar at the Moorways Centre looked on with incredulity as the visiting players subjected themselves in turn to Mrs Simons' tape measure. Silly were they to believe their duties for the day Derby Storm 118-95.

Happy that he was at the prospect of his players being well kitted-out, the source of greater satisfaction for the club's coach. Billy Mims, was the smooth introduction of Ryan Cuff. If we didn't have the best back court in the country before, we must have now." Mims said. Not five seconds had elapsed when Cuff hit the first of his two three-pointers on the way to a promising tally, on his debut.

One of the Americans re-leased by Worthing Bears in the wake of their financial crisis, Cuff formed an immediate rapport with Burks and White. Burks finished with 34 points. White with 22 and the trio looked as if they had played together for years, nor just for a week in practice. "Cuff is our kind of style."
Mims said, "He enjoys
making a good pass and he
can shoot the three."

Derby, whose oft Sin American forward, Rutledge, will fly home for more treatment on his fractured foot, were destroyed on the break by their opponents. The plan is for Rutledge to return next season. Meanwhile. Brendan Graves, a 6ft 9in forward from

Worthing Bears, too, are seemingly in decline. Decimated by the departure of Cuff. Swords and Caton and an injury to Faux, they were crushed 105-72 by Crystal Palace in the Uni-ball Trophy.

David Powell sees a fledgeling club bring fresh impetus to ice hockey



Vezio Sacratini, of Cardiff Devils, faces off with Karry Biette, of Ayr Scottish Eagles, during the Benson and Hedges Cup final, Photograph: Alex Livesey / Alisport

Eagles crown swift ascent

the stick for the carrot. the former Great Britain hockey goalkeeper of some repute now having been charged with the task of offering ice hockey as one of the great temptations of British sport for anybody wishing to play a commercial part.

A week into his job as chief executive of the Superleague. Taylor was wooing potential sponsors at the Benson and Hedges Cup final at Sheffield Arena on Saturday, the lack of which was of particular concern to Bill Barr, the man behind the success story of Avr Scottish Eagles.

Ayr won the cup within 15 months of their first match, a club that, as its captain. Angelo Catenaro, put it, is an "outcast up in no man's land, the only Superleague team from Scotland". Appropriately, given Taylor's presence, it was a match in which the nerminders excelled. Ayr de-feating Cardiff Devils 2-1 in the climax to a tournament in which an average of 8.4 goals have been scored per march. It was not, as Barr admit-

with cup final triumph that Taylor would want to package, but the 2,000 travelling Ayr supporters were not complaining. They have taken to their team of imports, who are all from across the Atlan-

tic, bar one — a Lithuanian.

The reason we have been able to keep the players in a place like Ayr, which has a population of about 100,000, is because it is a nice place and the ice hockey is a community matter." Barr said. "Considering we started in September of last year, you cannot believe the progress that Jim Lynch and Milan Figala [the coaches] have

The story began when Barr, as a boy, spent Saturday

directed at Eastbourne

through largely legitimate channels. However, Alex

Simcox, the Eastbourne cap-

tain, deputising in the absence

of a highly-rated No 8. Mark

Lock, kicked three penalty

goals before half-time to give

It was then that the game

erupted, the spark being a

vicious stamp to the face of

Will Oldham, Eastbourne's

promising open-side flanker.

The thankless task of policing the game fell to Sarah Stanley,

who coped as admirably as the

Eastbourne players during the

second-half onslaught. She

missed the stamp, but a high tackle on Oldham a few min-

utes later prompted her to

produce the first of three

yellow cards to the Cranleigh

Oldham's elder brother,

Nick, was a recent captain of

England Schools and equally

great things are predicted for

Will, who exacted retribution against Cranleigh for his

rough treatment with a perfor-

mance of contained tenacity

and sharp awareness. That,

together with an appropriate

plethora of penalties, allowed

Simoox to kick Eastbourne to an unassailable lead, which a

late try from David Max, who

was a credit to Cranleigh,

bourne assistant coach, who

enjoyed a long-running rival-ry through the Yorkshire

schoolboys' ranks with Rob

Andrew, was disappointed

that his team were unable to

score a try for the first time in

their two-year unbeaten se-quence. David Stewart, the

head coach, was as relieved at

the intact status of his players

as he was with that of their

unbeaten record. He could not

remember a game like it in his

14 years in charge of East-

SCORIERS: Cranleigh: Tries: Anayl (12min), Max (66) Conversion: Delliere Eastbourne: Penelty goals: Simoox 6 (21, 30, 35, 50, 59, 82) SCORING SEQUENCE (Cranleigh first): 5-0, 5-3, 5-6, 5-9 (half-time), 5-12, 5-15, 5-18, 12-18.

12-18.
CRANLEIGH SCHOOL: K Sodiende J Spirks, M Delkers, D Shaw, B Maekodumm, C Porter, D Camp, C Knot. D Aury, A Chapman, C Priks, M Bryon, R Hume, M Angyl, D Max.
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Inough Urmona and Mc-

Cormack were able enough

bourne rugby.

Andy Wynn, the East-

could not overhaul.

his side an uneasy lead,

been traditionally an ice hockey town, so it does not come as a surprise to me to see the best part of 2,000 people travelling to watch the team." he said.

Then, four years ago, a new ice rink at Prestwick was left unfinished when the businessman behind it ran into financial difficulties. Barr bought the £6.5 million concern for £100,000, spending £1.6 million to complete it.

Bringing Superleague ice hockey to Ayr has been an expensive operation for Barr. who, as owner of the town's football club, has learnt his lesson. "It is never a good idea to get your feet too far off the ground, because you come down with a big bump again," Barr said, "My football team won 6-0 two weeks ago and

only drew today. The Superleague is doing marvel-lously well, but it is going nowhere in terms of sponsorship."
That is where Taylor, a

member of the Great Britain Olympic gold medal-winning nockey team in 1988, comes in. He has taken a drop in salary to join ice hockey from the bicycle manufacturer where he claims sales increased by 223 per cent during his three years as managing director. The Superleague offered the challenge that he was looking

Taylor predicts that, by 2000, the Superleague will have expanded from its present eight clubs to 12 or 14. One in London, he said, was essential to the commercial success of the sport. Already

for clubs in Belfast and Leeds. Furthermore. Taylor prediets that, by the end of the century, present member clubs will be making a profit. Seven are run by businesses or wealthy individuals. "Bill Barr is one shrewd businessman." Taylor said. "Is he just putting his money in for goodwill? Or does he see there

Taylor's early impressions are that ice hockey in Britain "is a small sport that thinks small, but which should think big". He acknowledges that, eventually, teams will need to field home-produced players to heighten interest.

real potential?"

In the meantime, Catenaro is trying his best, Rusedskilike, in swearing allegiance to British soil. "While we are here, we are Scottish," he said.
"When I hear the bagpipes
and people singing Flower of
Scotland, it is special to me. I

would like to learn the bag-pipes and to wear a kilt." Catenaro urged that the players should be given credit for working on fostering relahorself on losering rela-tions. "We go out in the community and talk to people," he said. "I do not think they care where we come from, only that we wear. their colours.)

Cardiff, having led through a second-period goal from Doug McEwan, conceded two in the last ten minutes, to Sam Groleau and Jeff Hoad. If the march was not a descip high match was not a classic, high skills were much in evidence. The calibre of hockey has got so good that I think we could compete almost anywhere in Europe, Catenaro said.

His last words, though, will ring true with Taylor. "The Superleague administration has to catch up with the players and bring in the big corporate sponsors." Catenaro added. "It has to make the next jump on a promotion-al level."

Price takes advantage of errors by Mickelson

BY OUR SPORTS STATE

NICK PRICE, of Zimbabwe. won the Million Dollar Chailenge in Sun City yesterday for the second time, his final round of 65 giving him a total of 275. Il shots more than his winning score in 1993, which remains the tournament record. Price had only a short to spare over Davis Love III and Ernie Els, who shared second place, after Phil Mickelson, who had ted for three days, finished weakly.

The win completed Price second double of the year in southern Africa. He won the Zimbabwe Open last Sunday and took the Dimersion Data Pro-am and the South African

"I felt I woold have to get to 14 under to have a chance." Price said. "Phil let me in when he double-boxered the 8th. If he had parred that, I think it would have been a different story." The Ameri-can left-hander dropped another shot at the 16th, missing a birdie chance at the next and bogeved the last for a final round of 73. Els, who was beaten in a

play-off by Colin Montgomeric last year, birdied the last to put pressure on Price. his playing partner, who holed a nasty six-foot puff to

ensure victory. Price irrielly held the lead at the turn after Mickelson had overshot the green at the Stir, but he did not go clear until his likh and limal hindle at the

Price said the turning point of his round came at the par four lith: "I hit it short and took the wrong club for my second, I had to come over a clover fringe and had to chip it with a three-wood out of the Kikuyu grass. The shot worked perfectly and left me eight feet short. I holed the putt for par. It felt like birdle."

Bernhard Langer, who won four title in Fernance, who

four titles in Europe this year, started the day in second place, but fell away with a 72 and finished fifth, ahead of the Open champion. Justin Leonard. Tom Lehman and Montgomeric were the only others under par.

knowledge and enthusiasm

for the sport among school-

children. The impact of the

Super League has been signifi-

cant," he said. "We've concen-

trated on schools in less well-

off areas, such as south

Cranleigh react fiercely in the throes of defeat

Cranleigh School 12 Eastbourne College 18

By MICHAEL AYLWIN

AFTER wandering across to watch his colleagues in the first XV play out the final moments of their match against Cranleigh, a member of the Eastbourne College third XV said: "That's why I will never be a first-team player - I just can't get psyched up enough."

The young man was moved to this wistful observation as he witnessed the violent throes of a defeated Cranleigh team that would have done well to temper their second-half performance with more than a sprinkling of third XV defer-

Boys will be boys, but some of the Cranleigh first XV brought a seething brutality to the second half. One hopes that they are aware of it.

There were apologies to the Easthourne coaching staff forthcoming from Cranleigh parents, the headmaster and first-team coach, Neil Bennett, who felt obliged at one point to invade the pitch in order to calm one of his players down. Bennett was clearly shaken by the end of the game. In retrospect, it is easy to

trace the fault line that undermined the match. Eastbourne. in winning this away fixture. are now unbeaten in 24 match-



es. Last season, the first XV enjoyed their first unbeaten campaign in the 96 years that the school has been playing rugby and, having now won all II of their matches this year, look set fair to emulate the feat with only two fixtures remaining. Cranleigh represented one

of their sterner opponents. having only narrowly lost to Eastbourne last season. Moreover, the last time that Eastbourne lost to domestic opponents was in December 1995to Cranleigh. of course.

On Saturday, the home team were visibly intent on completing the cycle. Indeed, their intention to do so was also to be articulated verbally in no uncertain terms as the match wore on. It seemed that they might

have their way in the first half. Anayi scored in the twelfth minute from a tapped penalty and the aggression of the home team was effectively



Stanley, who did an admirable job, keeps watch as the Cranleigh and Eastbourne players scrum down SKIING

Austrians assert themselves

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

IT TOOK him three days, but Hermann Maier finally climbed to the top of the podium with a victory in a super-giant slalom on Saturday that capped a week of Austrian domination in World Cup speed events at Beaver Creek, Colorado.

Maier started the season by finishing ninth in the downhill on Thursday, moved atop the overall standings with a second place in the downhill on Friday and led the second Austrian medal sweep in as many days with his supergiant slalom success.

"I wanted a good run in super-G because that is my best event," he said. "I put a lot of pressure on myself." That pressure inspired him to complete the difficult new Birds of Prey Course in Imin 16.20sec. It was Maier's fifth podium finish in the six races that he has entered this season and his second World Cup super-giant slalom victory in two years.

Early unofficial results listed Lasse Kjus, of Norway, in a tie with Maier, but Kjus had missed a gate and was disqualified. Stefan Eberharter finished second, in Imin 16.56sec. with Hans Knaus third in Imin 16,58sec. Another Austrian, Josef Strobl, was fourth in Imin 16.76sec.

Katja Seizinger, of Germany, won her fourth consec utive speed event of the season by completing a spectacular three-race sweep at Lake Louise, in Alberta, with a victory in the super-giant slalom on Saturday. "I came to Lake Louise with

the hope that L could get a victory, but I didn't expect that I could win three races," Seizinger said. Seizinger also won the downhill events on Thursday and Friday to take her career World Cup victory total to 32.

The Alpine Ski World Cup season switches to Europe this week with speed and technical races for men and women in Val d'Isere, France.

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SPEEDWAY

Newcastle forced to close again

By Tony Hoare

THE calm that followed speedway's annual conference was shattered when Newcastle announced it would not be running in 1998. The Premier League club told the British Speedway Promoters' Association (BSPA) on Friday that it would withdraw next year after failing to agree

terms with its landlords. New leaseholders at the Tyneside track have substantially increased the rent. claimed the Newcastle promoters, making it impossible for the team to carry on. The BSPA gave the club two weeks to declare its intent to run in 1998, but Newcastle claimed the leaseholders refused to budge from their rent

demands and withdrew. Closure is not a new occurrence for Newcastle fans, who have seen the Diamonds shut down five times in the past 25 years. This setback comes one season after the latest revival of the club, after two years out of action.

Previous promotions have struggled financially, with poor attendances hitting the Diamonds, but this year's crowd figures were good and George English and Dave Rowland, the promoters, were optimistic that the team would continue into 1998 However, the greyhound optrouble and the Receiver was

called in.

Newcastle's biggest grumble is that the club invested a reported £40,000 installing a track and making other improvements at the start of the season. "It is impossible to run speedway viably on the figure we were offered," a spokesman for the club said. There was a total lack of interest and support from the new leaseholders."

English spent Friday informing the riders of the closure. Jesper Olsen, the highest Newcastle scorer in 1997, must be wondering what he has done wrong, as it is the fifth time that the Denmark rider's spell with a club has ended in closure for the track since 1992.

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most, not late enough for

n the bar at Dewsbury Moor amateur club, Brian Corrigan was, as always. doing his bit for Irish rugby league, selling raffle tickets and leading the craic. A larger-than-life figure, Corrigan has sown the seeds back home

of a sport with which he fell in love on seeing the dexterous hands and devastating tackles

of Brian McTigue for Wigan

and Great Britain in the Fifties and Sixties. The late McTigue was an honorary Irishman, having represented Ulster at baskethall while on National Service there. "He was the best passing prop forward the game's seen and it was a privilege to watch him." Corrigan said, his pleasure matched last Satur-

day by the historic participation of an Irish sidein the first round of the Silk Cut Chall-Dublin Blues, an enthusiastic combination of rugby union players and a few Gaelic footballers, were beatan 32-7 by Dewsbury Moor. but even putting one foot on the road to Wernbley next May

gladdened the heart of their pioneering chairman. "At Blackrock, it's two-men-and-adog stuff, so 200 was a big crowd for us," Corrigan, who managed the first Ireland Students' side in 1989, from which the Blues emerged two years later, said. The West Yorkshire town of

Dewsbury, part of rugby

enjoy a taste of high life Christopher Irvine

Dublin's ambassadors

reports on the first

Challenge Cup

league's "heavy woollen" district, was something of a homecoming for Corrigan. His students' side, largely second-generation trishmen studying in England, trained there for the 1989 students'

world cup.
Until the Rugby Football
League (RFL) glimpsed the
potential in Ireland and appointed a development officer in 1995, the Blues' only opponents were British amateur clubs on Easter or end-ofseason jaunts. Today, there are eight affiliated clubs in Dublin and Belfast, split into north and south conferences, which is more of a basis than some areas when it comes to talk of a Super League franchise.

At least three more clubs further afield - in Killarney, Clonmel and County Donegal - are set to join the all-Ireland competition next season and Ireland, who held France to a creditable draw in Paris last May, will compete in an inaugural five nations' tourna-Nigel Johnston, a former



strives to elude this tackle by Steve Carroll

Bradford player and the RFL's Dublin-based development officer, has found a surprising

match by an Irish side in the Silk Cut

Dublin, where rugby union is regarded as elitist and when the talent and aptitude to rugby league are clear."
British players of iris lineage helped Ireland read the 1995 emerging nation World Cup final, but home grown talent is comin

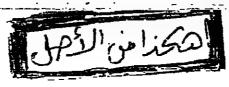
through. Gavin Gordon, 19, who began playing for Barger Vikings while at school in Belfast and scored three tries against Moldova on his international debut, has joined London Broncos. "We find, too, that the toughness associated with Gaelic football leaves players well-placed to make the transition to league,"

> The Irish play league in summer, to avoid clashes with some players' commitments to union and Gaelic football. Dublin Blues were given only two weeks' notice for their Challenge Cup invitation, which presented some difficulties, especially as the side had not played since August and a couple of players were making their debuts. However, everyone stumped up the £110 fare and, with the promise of an all-night bar, a good time was had despite a somewhat predictable result against nuggety opposition from the National Conference League second division.

Dublin led briefly when lan Devery, one of two internationals in the side, landed a penalty. The passing was generally slick, but the execution betrayed their lack of match practice. Their one try, an effective charge by Derek Dornan, came after six touchdowns by Dewsbury Moor.

Sean Cleary, the New Zealand-born Ireland bose forward and captain, said: "It was never going to be easy for us out of season but we wouldn't have missel it for the world. Don't worry we'll be back for another go jext year.

Derwyn Jones, of Cardiff, rises above a lineout



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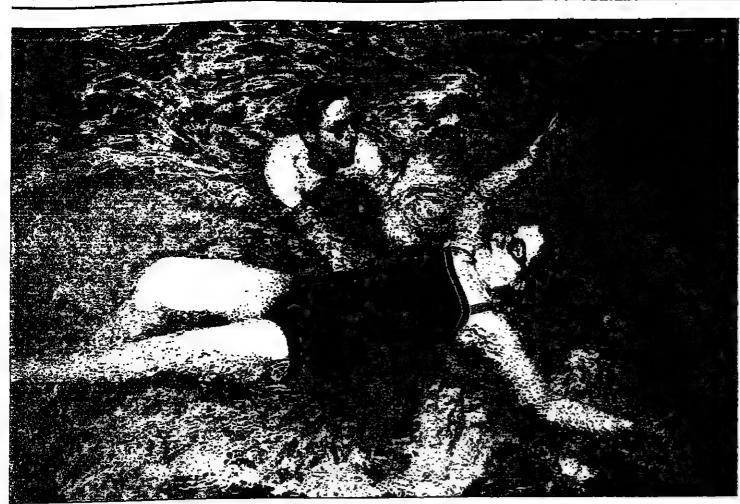
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SOUTH AFRICA



Brave enough to make a splash in middle age

Blue sky, gentle Caribbean surf. golden sand and palm trees. A large woman in a bathing costume emerges from behind a palm tree heading for the sea. Following her is Graham Dear, the smartly dressed manager of the Treasure Beach Hotel.

She walks into the sea and swims. Graham watches, silent until she manages a long series of strokes which take

her out to sea in a long curve. Graham: "Carol, stop, you are heading to the St Vincent Islands," Carol stops abruptly in a flurry of snorting and coughing and walks back up

Scene II: Three months before. A large woman in a bathing costume emerges from a changing room into a swimming pool in Central London. Blinking through her misted-up glasses she makes her way to the learners' section.

the hero: Keith Enter Gourd.

Keith is my swimming instructor. I am the woman in the scenes above. He got me. in three months of half hours on Saturday mornings, to develop from being intolerably nervous of drowning, to tolerably confident of not drowning.

That lesson last March marked my first visit to a swimming pool for 30 years. I was not exactly terrified, it was more a mixture of extreme nervousness and embarrassment. I was typical of the adults Peter Cooper sees. He runs the Dolphin Swimming

Our excuses for not having learnt vary. But our problem remains the same. We think too much, we are only too aware of the dangers of water. of drowning, of genting out of our depth and into trouble. Some serious aquaphobes hate water to the extent that Carol Coles decided to learn to

swim after an absence of 30 years from the swimming pool

they avoid getting their faces wet in the shower. Peter, who qualified as a

swimming instructor in 1966 and has taught for 20 years. has about 100 adults taking with him and his team of instructors each weekend at the University of London pool in Malet Street. At the same time, some 300 youngsters are also being taught singly or in

Peter's instructors range from Keith, who has been a full-time instructor for nine years, but describes himself as having always been in swimming, to Francis, a 19-year-old student with a club back-ground and all the right qualifications. In Peter's experience it makes little difference whether adults are taught by older teachers or young students, it is motivation that

so frightened it is hard to fathom why they want to in danger of drowning are learn. Some turn up drunk, males aged 15-29.

some are overcome by sudden attacks of dizziness, others become hysterical as they edge others have nightmares on

Learning to swim certainly confronts their fears, but it hardly seems to be fun and leaves them no safer from drowning. Statistically, it is experienced swimmers who drown. Non-swimmers do not swim, so they have little opportunity to drown.

Nobody is clear about how many adult non-swimmers there are in the UK. The Amateur Swimming Associ-ation has no idea and is even more perplexed by how swimming might be defined. The Sports Council says that swimming is the tenth most popular sport in terms of club membership, with some 288,000 members of 1,950 clubs. The Royal According to Peter, some are Society for the Prevention of Accidents says that those most

I was fortunate to be a 41vear-old female and just afraid, not completely terrified. Like most adult learners ! had always had a vague intention of learning to swim, but had never got round to it. The first real barrier Keith

has to conquer in his students. getting them to put their heads under water, was no problem.

preferred to be as much submerged and invisible as possible in my unaccustomed swimsuit. Being short-sighted, I found the mixture of blurry, partial vision and underwater blindness unnerving. I do not think I would have persevered if I had been unable to get swimming goggles fitted with prescription lenses.

swim at the University of London pool,

leaches Carol to

of half hours on Saturday Carol, right. developed from intolerably nervous of drowning, to confident of surviving

In three months

By my next lesson I had goggles. I immediately felt more at home in the water. So much so that I floated, which is the next stage in the learning curve. From then on it was a slow, but steady progress from pushing off and gliding to pushing, gliding and moving my arms and legs. There was a slight hiccup before we discovered that I crawl more naturally than breaststroke. Keith encouraged me pa-

tiently from the side, compli-

menting me on the slightest improvement. His reproachful: Now what happened there Carol, you were doing so well, why did you stop? haunted my Saturday

During the week I visited other swimming pools and, while friends plough up and down the fast lane notching up their lengths. I around in the shallow end,

practising

gambolied

The usual cautions about

mance. Peter is a member of the Swiss Contage Masters Club for over-25s who still want to compete. I still have a way to 20, but

you have any health problems.

Age is no har to perfor-

Keith has already taught me that, far from being frightening, water is fun. He has also given me a healthy respect for it. So far I have only played in the shallow end in pools. But now I need to practise in the deep end I shall have to tell the life guards I am a learner and

ask them to keep an eye on me. Which was how poor Graham got lumbered with being swimming supervisor on my holiday. Peter and Keith were adamant that a pool is vastly different from the sea and tyros like me should not be let loose on the latter without supervision. They were right. The sea is much more fun. If it can manage to have a reef full of darting fish all the better. Graham would not let me swim anywhere near the reef. But with my goggles on I could stand with my head under water watching it. I must ask Keith about snorkelling when

the new term begins.

WHERETO

LEARN

PETER Cooper and the Dolphin Swimming Club can be contacted on OISI-349 1844. The half-mour essons are one-to-one for adults and bookable by the term at £198 for 11 lessons. The Amateur Swimming Association suggests that your nearest local authority pool is the best place to find instructors prepared to teach, either on a oneto-one basis or in groups, and emphasises that you need to take a realistic view of the time needed for an adult. The Institute of Swimming Teachers and Coaches, Dawson Road, Loughborough, Leics LEII 3NW is compiling a list of instructors prepared to teach one-to-one.





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SOME opticians will make you a customised pair of goggles with your prescription lens in it — but I was warned by the assistant of one optician's shop that because of the nature of the goggle material they could not guarantee that it would be identical to my spectacles' prescription. The cost of customised goggles can range from £49.99 to more than £100 and I could not detect much difference in the surrounding scal or the lenses, nor could the three opticians I asked to explain the price variation. The off-the-peg goggles I

bought were the Speedo Menace design at £19.99 from a sports shop. However, optical goggles, as prescription lens goggles are known, are now only available from registered opticians. They are made by the Cambridge Optical Group for Speedo and for details of stockists and prices, contact COG's customer service number on 01954 785100. From January the plain black Menace goggle will be joined by the Futura, as Speedo's most popular goggle goes optical and optical goggle wearers get the chance to go multi-coloured.



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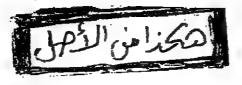
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Inability to consent makes detention illegal

Lv Bournewood Community and Mental Health NHS

Before Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Phillips and Lord Justice Chadwick Reasons December 2

A hospital could informally admit a person for treatment for a mental disorder under section 131 of the Mental Health Act 1983 only with his consent. A person who had no capacity to consent or dissent, nor guardian to consent on his chalf, had to be admitted under the statutory procedures in the 1983 Act, otherwise the hospital was detaining him. Since the common law principle of necessity was excluded by the statutory provisions, that detention was

The Court of Appeal so held, giving reasons for having allowed on October 29 the appeal of L brought by his next friend, against the refusal by Mr Justice Owen on October 10, 1997 of his application for judicial review of the decision of the Bournewood Community and Mental Health NHS trust to admit him to hospital informally and keep him there. The Court of Appeal granted a declaration that the appellant had been unlawfully

The appellant was autistic, unable to speak and had complex needs requiring 24-hour care. He had no ability to communicate consent or dissent to treatment. For 30 years he was a resident in

London Borough Council

Judgment November III

abuse of process

the council.

LORD

Before Lord Justice Schiemann

Where local authority officers

represented that planning consent was not required for temporary

advertisement hoardings, sub-sequent prosecutions for failing to

The Queen's Bench Divisional

Court so held when allowing an appeal by way of case stated by Postermobile pic and quashing

their convictions by Brent Mag-istrates Court on February 3, 1997

for displaying advertisements con-trary to regulations 5 and 27 of the Town and Country Planning (Con-

tions (Si 1992 No 666) and section

224(3) of the Town and Country

Planning Act 1990, as amended by

the Planning and Compensation

Mr Andrew Fraser-Urguhart for

Postermobile: Mr Robin Green for

SCHIEMANN said that 25 sepa-rate informations were laid

against the appellants by Brent

displaying advertisements without obtaining the necessary planning

The appellants did not deny the

meeting held on September 27,

1995 between a plunning consul-

tant employed by the appellants, a director of the appellants and

officers of the council the appel-

lants were told that planning

consents would not be required for

which were to be erected for one

The appellants left the meeting

with the impression that consent

was not required for the advertise-

ments. Immediately after the advertisements were erected, the

the respondent trust. In March 1994 he went to live with carers in their own home. They were very fond of him and treated him as one of the family.

While at a day centre he at-tended weekly, he became ago-tated. Since his carers, who were able to deal with such episodes, could not be contacted, a doctor was called. He was taken to Bournewood Hospital and admitto the mental health behavioural unit where he reto leave, the trust believed that he could be informally admitted.

The carers were not allowed to see him while his needs were being assessed, as he might expect to leave with them. The trust intended to discharge him to the carers but not until he was considered fit for discharge by the

this piral's clinical team.

The appellant applied for judicial review, seeking to quash the trust's decision to detain him, a declaration that his resention was uniawful and mandamus requir-ing his release forthwith. A writ of habeas corpus, and damages for assault and false imprisonment were also claimed.

Mr Justice Owen had refused

judicial review on the ground that the appellant was free to leave. There would be no restraint until the appellant attempted to leave and steps were taken to prevent him from leaving. The appellant

After the Court of Appeal hearing the trust formally detained the

nary correspondence for not obtaining the necessary planning consents. The appellants submit-

ted that to proceed with the

His Lordship referred to the two

1995; ([1996] I Cr App R 94, [0])) as cases where the court concluded

the defendant could not receive a

fair trial or where it would be unfair for the defendant to be tried.

The present case fell into the latter

The council submitted that the

officers in question were inexperienced and the appellant was wrong to rely on their advice. The officers had only given an expression of their opinion and not a

promise not to prosecute.
His Lordship considered the

appellants were correct in relying

on the advice of the officers. It was

not as though they had requested planning advice from one of the

the present case was not concerned

with a planning consent which was permanent but with the

erection of advertisement hoardings around White City for

It was important that the citizen should be able to rely on the statements of public officials. Once

one accented the advice had been

given and there were no long term

Berkhamsted; Ms Rosemary Hutt,

one month or less.

Abuse to prosecute

after assurances

Mr Richard Gordon, OC and Mr Paul Bowen for the appellant; Mr John Grace, QC, for the NHS

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, giving the judgment of the court, said that the case raised difficult issues which could have a far reaching effect on the present approach to the reception, care and treatment of many mentally dis-ordered patients.

Three issues were raised: (i) Was the appellant detained? If so (ii) Was that detention justified by the common law doctrine of necessity?

A person was detained in law if those who had control over the premises in which he was had the intention that he should not be permitted to leave those premises and had the ability to prevent him

from leaving.

That was the appellant's position. If the appellant had attempted to leave the hospital, those in charge of him would not have permitted him to do so. He was tained in the hospital. The 1983 Act was not an ex-haustive code but was extensive in its application to those requiring

ment for mental disorder defined in section 2.

The Act contained numerous provisions to protect the position of those who were admitted and treated in bospital under section 2(b), including the right to apply to

appellant under section 5 of the the independent Mental Health 1983 Act. the independent Mental Health Review Tribunal which had powers to order the discharge of patients. Section 117 dealt with after-care of the patient.

The right of a hospital to detain a patient for treatment for mental disorder was to be found in, and only in the 1983 Act, whose provisions applied to the exclusion of the common law principle of

Section 131, which preserved the right to admit a patient informally, addressed the position of a patient who was admitted and treated with consent. The trust had admitsed the appellant and was detain-ing him for treatment for mental disorder without his consent and without the formalities required by the 1983 Act. It followed that they

The whole approach of the trust was based on the false premise that they were entitled to treat the appellant as an in patient without his consent as long as he did not

That was wrong. They were only allowed to admit him we weatment if they complied with the standary requirements.

The common law powers of necessity could be entreased by an individual to protect someone who was ill whether his Illness was due to physical or mental causes. But here the 1983 Act covered the situation, no necessity to act out-

interpreting the effect of the Act. Apparently there could be many patients, especially those sufferin rom dementia, in the same position as the appellant, partly as a consequence of opinions in tal Health Law by Brenda Hosectt

(4th edition (1996) p9) and Mental Health Act Manual by Richard M. Jones (5th edition (1996) p340). The court differed from those pointions. The current practice could not justify a disregard of the Act. That was especially true because of the undesirable consequences which could follow a practice which bypassed the safe-guards provided by the Act for

In a future emergency, where a person was in the appellant's position, the trust would have to decide whether or not it should exercise its statutory powers. If it decided not to do so it could

not admit the patient for treatment for mental illness. It would not have to turn such a patient away. The trust was entitled to look after the patient to prevent him from harming himself until other arrangements which were reason-ably satisfactory could be made. A declaration was made, nom-inal damages of £1 awarded, and leave to appeal to the House of

Solicitors: Scott-Moncriell Har-hour & Sinclair: Beachcroft Stroleus

That was the meaning of the

paragraph which was arrived at on a consideration of how the

language used would be reason

ably understood by a client. That

Bearing in mind that the nur-

pose of the definition was to bring

home to the client the circum

stances under which he would

become liable to pay commission, the definition did not make it clear

that he was still to pay commission

by the agent.

in respect of an exchange of contracts outside the period when the introduction was not effected

Accordingly, his Lordship did

not accept the submission of the estate agent that the relevant words in paragraph (b) meant

They meant what, in content they would reasonably be under-stood to mean by a client reading

the document, that was to say,

Lord Justice Pili and Lord Jus-

Solicitors: Howe Roche & Wal-

ler, Stevenage: Chivers Walsh Smith, Bradford.

tice Mummery delivered concur-

introduced by the agent.

ring judgments.

was the critical consideration.

Commission not payable on sale through advertisement

behalf of the client.

Group) v Smith and Another Before Lord Justice Hobbouse, Lord Justice Pill and Lord Justice

An estate agent with sole selling main strands of abuse of process identified by Lord Justice Neill in R v Beckford (The Times January 27, rights over vendors' property was not entitled to commission where, during the agency agreement but without any involvement by the estate agent, the vendors answ a newspaper advertisement from prospective purchasers which re-sulted in exchange of contracts for the sale of the property after the

> The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff estate agent, Mr Michael Harwood, trading as RSBS Group, against the order of Judge Hamilton at Hitchin County Court on May 21, 1996, as amended on June 9, that he was not entitled to commission from the defendant vendors, Peter James Smith and Anne Kirkland Smith, on the sale of their property to Terence Gallacher and Gillian

council's gardeners. The expression of opinion clearly informed the appellants they could Mr Brian Riley for the estate agent; Miss Antonia Morris for the proceed without planning Western Fish Products v Penwiti District Council (1981) 2 All ER 204, 209, 220) was distinguished as

LORD JUSTICE HOSHOUSE said that the estate agent was engaged to act in the capacity of agent with sole selling rights of the endors' residential nursing bome ar six months at a fee of 3.5 per cent of the agreed price. The terms of business contained the following definition of "sole selling rights" as Agency Act 1979 and regulation 5(1)(a) and the Schedule to the Agents (Provision of Information) Regulations (SI 1991

process to allow the prosecution to "You will be liable to pay remuneration to us ... in each of would have been for the council to withdraw the presecutions. the following circumstances: Mr Justice Moses agreed. (a) If unconditional contracts Solicitors: J. W. Godfrey & Co, for the sale of the property are exchanged in the period during

found by us but by another agent or by any other person including

for the sale of the property are exchanged after the expiry of the period during which we have sole selling rights but to a purchaser. who was introduced to you during that period or with whom we had negotiations about the property during that period."

 The vendors instructed the estate agent in July 1994. In mid-October they saw an advertisement in a newspaper saying that a residen-tial nursing home was wanted. Mr Smith responded to the

advertisement, giving his tele-phone number. Negotiations be-tween the Gallachers and the vendors ensued. The estate agent was at no stage involved.

The vendors gave notice of their intuntion to discontinue the estate agent's involvement as from January 14, 1995. The estate agent confirmed that the contract would end on that date. On January 16 vendors exchanged contracts for the sale of the property to the Gallachers with completion later

The definition of "sole selling rights" contained two paragraphs. The first (a) dealt with the exchange of contracts during the period of sole selling rights and gave an unqualified right to the full comprison recordless of how that exchange came about. The second paragraph (b)

after the expiry of the period in which case the commission was payable if the purchaser was a person "who was introduced to you during the period or with whom we had negoriations about the property during that period".

Paragraph (b) appeared to cover wo alternatives: either the individval had been introduced to the client by the agent or the individ-ual had been introduced to the client by someone else but the

Race bias is not inferred from unreasonable act

Glasgow City Council v Zafar Before Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Lloyd of Berwick, Lord Hope of Craighead and Lord Clyde Speeches November 27

In considering under section 1(1)(a) of the Race Relations Act 1976 whether an employer had treated an employee "on racial grounds ... less favourably than he treats would treat other persons" it was irrelevant that the employer had acted unreasonably.

The comparison to be made was with reference to how that employer, not the hypothetical reasonable employer, treated or would treat other employees. An industrial tribunal was not bound to draw an inference of racial prejudice from the absence of any satisfactory explanation by the employer of differential treatment accorded to the claimant.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by Abdur Rashid Zafar from the Second Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session (Lord Ross, Lord Justice-Clerk, Lord McCluskey and Lord Morison) (1997 SLT 281) who had allowed an appeal by the em-ployer, Glasgow City Council, as-successors to Strathclyde-Regional Council, from the Employment Appeal Tribunal and set aside a finding by an industrial tribunal of

The Employment Appeal Tribunal had dismissed the council's appeal from the industrial tribural.

Mr Kenneth Mure, QC and Mr Sepala Munasinghe, both of the Scots Bar, for Mr Zafar, Mr James Peoples, QC and Mrs Sarah Wolffe for the council.

LORD BROWNE-WIL-KINSON said that Mr Zafar had been employed by the council as a social worker until his dismissal in industrial tribunal, which had dismissed all his allegations except that his dismissal had been unfair in the manner in which it had been conducted and that it had been racially discriminatory. The council had not appealed to the Second

Division against the finding of unfair dismissal. The industrial tribunal had made its finding of racial discrimination wholly on the basis of two inferences: first, that ise the council had afforded to Mr Zafar treatment falling far below that of a reasonable employer, there was a presumption that it had treated him differently and less favourably than others: second, that, in the absence of a non-racial explanation for such differential conduct. It had no choice in law but to draw the

error on both points. His Lordship The 1976 Act required it to be treated by the person against whom the discrimination was alleged less favourably than that person treated or would treat

inference that the reason for such

less favourable treatment had been racial. The Second Division had

held the tribunal to have been in

In deciding that issue, the conduct of a hypothetical reasonable employer was irrelevant. The alleged discriminator might or might not be a reasonable

if he was not, he might well have preated another employee in the same unsatisfactory way as that in which he had treated the claimant, in which case he would not have treated the claimant "less

favourably".

The tribunal, having wrongly drawn the inference of less favourable treatment, had then satisfactory non-racial explanation for such treatment, it was bound

that such less favourable treatment had been on the ground of Mr Zafar's race.

Mr Mure had not attempted to justify that reasoning, but, since the authorities were in a state of some confusion, due in part to

some words of his Lordship, it was

desirable to clarify how the law The best guidance had been given by Lord Justice Neill in King v Great Britain-China Centre [1991] IRLR 513, 5180 who had

said, inter ulia: "If no explanation is ... put forward or if the tribunal considers [it] to be inadequate or unsatisfac-tory it will be legitimate... to infer racial grounds. This is not a matter of law but, as Lord Justice May put it in Noone v North West Thames Regional Health Authority (1988) IRLR 195, 198), 'almost common

"At the conclusion of the evidence the tribunal should make findings as to the primary facts and draw such inferences as they consider proper from those facts, They should then reach a concluon the balance of probabilities..."

That was the guidance that That was the guidance that should in future be applied. In particular, certain remarks of his Lordship [as Mr Justice Browne-Wilkinson] in the Employment Appeal Tribunal in Khanna v Ministry of Defence [1981] IRLR 331) and Chattopadhyay v Headmaster of Holloway School [1982] ICR 132) to the effect that the inference of discrimination on inference of discrimination on racial grounds "should" be drawn had put the matter too highly, were inconsistent with later Court of Appeal authority and should not

Lord Slynn, Lord Lloyd, Lord Hope and Lord Clyde agreed. Solicitors: Campbell Smith, WS. Edinburgh; Lewis Silkin for Simp-

Children need not keep name that mother changed

In re C (Minors) (Change of Judge Cracknell in Hull County surnamei

Although it was of fundamental importance for children to have an enduring relationship with both parents, notwithstanding their economical where the mother no longer carried her maiden name, it would not appear to be in the interests of the children, who were living with their father and had informally adopted his name, to carry her maiden name.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Evans and Mr Justice Wilson) so held on November 21 when refusing an application by Court who on May 2, 1997 granted leave to the father to cause the children to be known by his name. MR JUSTICE WILSON said

that the parents had never been married and the children, now aged eight and seven, had originally used their mother's maiden name. They had been living with their father under a residence order since 1992, and from 1993 he had caused them to use his surname, not realising that change was prohibited except with the mother's consent or leave of the

The mother had since married and no longer used her madden

name but wished the chikiren to retain it for official purposes in order to preserve links with her. Although in re B (Change of surname) (1996) 1 FLR 791) recognised the importance of such links, nothing in that judgment should be taken as indicating that it was desirable in principle that children should have different names for different purposes.

Although the stamp of purent-hood reflected by a surname should not lightly be erased, the name on it was hard to see how its retention by the children for any to preserve a link with her.

Scots Law Report December 8 1997 Outer House

English law no help in Scotland

James Howden and Co Ltd y Taylor Woodrow Property Co Ltd

Refore Lazd Pennse [Judgment August 13] Waiver in Scots law did not include the temporary suspension of a

right.
In any event, where a party to a contract was advised by his lawyers that the other party had no right to resile, he could not establish that the other party had waived such a right, because he could not show that he acted in eliance on such a waiver, since he believed at the time that the other party had no right to be waived.

Lord Penrose, sining in the
Outer House of the Court of
Session, so held granting decree of
absolvitor in favour of Taylor Woodrow Property Co Ltd in an

action of reparation brought against them by James Howden and Co Ltd. Mr Richard Keen, QC and Mr Nigel Ross for the pursuers; Mr Christopher Haddow, QC and Mr Alan Hamilton for the defenders.

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LORD PENROSE said that the pursuers had agreed to grant a lease of commercial subjects to the defenders. The agreement was conditional upon the pursuers' obtaining by June 30, 1990 discharges of any conditions affecting the title to the subjects which might reasonably be considered materials. ally to affect their development. If that had not been done then both in the event the parties disagreed as to whether certain conditions fell within that description. The pursuers had maintained that they did not, but without prejudice to that both parties had applied to the Lands Tribunal for Scotland for their discharge. By June 27 it was apparent that the tribunal would not decide the

question before the contractual deadline. On July 2, the defenders gave notice that they were resiling. The pursuers contended that they had waived their right to resile at any

A meeting had been held on June 27 at which the defenders had asked that the date by which either party might resile be postponed to September 30. The defenders did not say that they intended to resile or were considering resiling. As a result the notice of July 2 was wholly unexpected by the

After July 2 the pursuers had believed that they could hold the defenders to the bargain, and had acted consistently with that belief. Around July 10 they had received legal advice that there were in fact no title conditions that required to be discharged, and that for that reason the defenders had not been entitled to resile.

For the purposes of their accounts the pursuers had at the time treated the contract as subsisting. The explanation for that was their Waiver had not played a part in

Prejudicial reliance was not a necessary condition of waiver. unlike personal bar. Armia Ltd v Daejan Developments Ltd (1979 SC (HL) 56).

Centrally waiver consisted in the abandoning of a right in such a way that the other party was entitled to rely on that abandonment: see Gloag, Contract (2nd edition, p.28i): Lord Fraser in Annia, citing Banning v Wright ([1972] 1 WLR 972) and W. J. Alan & Co Ltd v El Nasr Export and

Import Co ([1972] 2 QB 189). It had never been the pursuers' position that the defenders had abandoned wholly their right to resile. The case was one of a temporary postponement of that right, a waiver of the right for three months only. The defenders can tended that waiver connoted permanent abandonment of a right and not its temporary

The pursuers argued that there was abundant authority to support prehended the temporary suspen-sion of a right: see Bower, Estoppel by Representation (3rd edition, pp.395-9; Motor Oil Hellas (Car-

inth) Refineries SA v Shipping Corporation of India (The Kan-chenjunga) (1990) 1 Lloyd's Rep 391, 399) per Lord Goff. In his Lordship's opinion it

would not be appropriate to adopt observations from eminent authorities in the law of England and seek to apply them in Scotland even where there was a similarity of language in the expression of apparently parallel rules.

It was particularly necessary to have regard to the distinction between the requirements of the law of remedies and the law of

Waiver operated in relation to the contractual obligation. It changed the scope of the creditor's rights and the debtor's obligations. The English authorities to which his Lordship had been referred suggested that equitable estoppel, and in particular promissory estoppel which was relevant in the present context, was as much a function of the equitable jurisdic-tion of the court as it was of the law

In Bower (at p355), there was an extensive quotation from Emman-nel Ayodeji Ajayi v R. T. Briscoe (Nigerio) Ltd [1964] I WLR 1325], which at least raised a question whether the suspensory character which promisens extensed might which promissory estoppel might have was fundamentally procedural in character.

However, whether or not it was correct so to understand the law of England, the case pointed to significant differences from the ottish law. The Privy Council had referred to a party being estopped from enforcing his right unless he first gave reasonable notice and from being irrevocably estopped only if the other party had altered his position

Those factors might point to the element of prejudice in personal bar in the law of Scotland. They were not a feature of the Scots law speech of Lord Keith in Armia and to later authorities in which the

in Lousada and Co Ltd v J. E. Lesser (Properties) Ltd (1990 SC 178) the term "abandorment" had

pression that might encompass the presson that might encompass up giving of time or postponement of the exercise of the right: compare Atlas Assurance Co Ltd v Dollar Land Holdings plc (1993 SLT 892, 894) per Lord Murray and Gordon v East Kilbride Development poration (1995-SLT 63, 64) per Lord Caplan. A creditor's willingness to sus-pend enforcement would normally

be a response to a request by the or's promise of performance within the revised period.

One might be driven irresistibly towards consent as the source of

the new position. Waiver was unilateral action which attracted a response in conduct and was not dependent on consent. As Lord Keith had observed in Armia, in English law waiver and variation of contract might be difficult to distinguish on occasion given that the thrust of developing

risprudence was to avoid the

ment in Scots law at least had the advantage of emphasising the initial requirement for unilateral ction in qualification of or departing from an existing right. The case of waiver failed.

whether what had happened had amounted to a unilateral suspension of the defenders' right to resile. If that had been the ques-tion, the pursuers would have defenders' conduct as waiver, in part because the pursuers had believed on the basis of their legal advice that the defenders did not have a right to resile, and therefore

time a right which they either abandon or suspend. Law agents: Muclay Murray & Spens; Gray Murrhead, WS.

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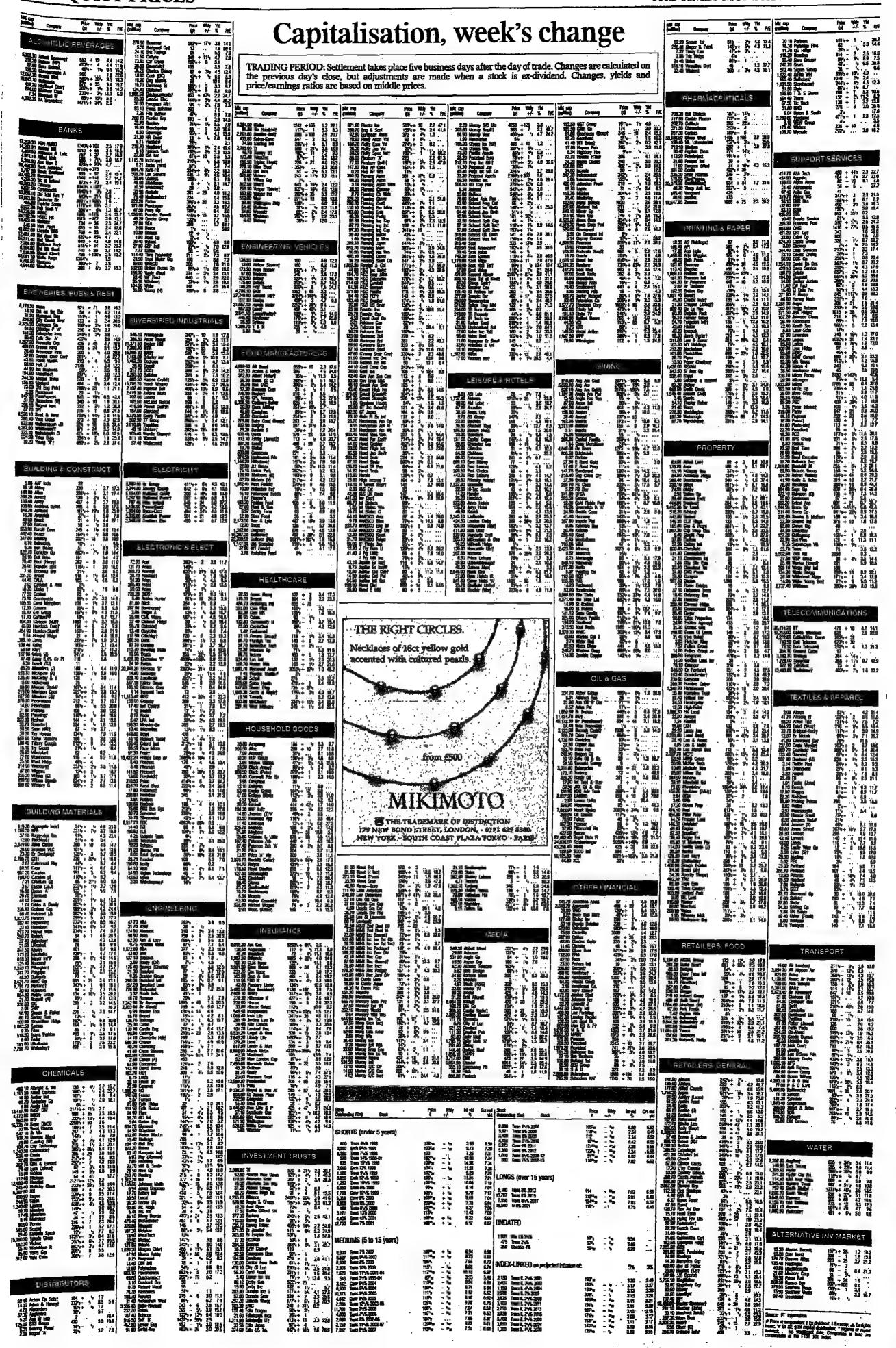
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THE FACTS

Market capitalisation: £7.4 billion. Turnover: £2.27 billion. Pre-tax profit: £318 million.

Employees: 140,000. Activities: The world's largest business services company. Traditionally best-known for pest control and washroom services, Rentokil Initial provides electronic secunity and manned guarding, hygiene and cleaning, distribution and personnel services, supplies and maintains tropical plants for work environments, and provides conference and training facilities. The company operates in more than 40 countries worldwide. In April 1996 Rentokil succeeded in a £2.1 billion purchase of another services com-pany, BET.

THE BOARD

Henry King, the non-executive chairman, is a former chairman of Denton Hall, the solicitors

Hans Werdelin, the vicechairman, is chief exec-utive of Sophus Sophus rendsen, the Danish industrial group that owns 36 per cent of Rentokil Initial shares. Sir Clive Thompson is

chief executive and the main driving force. He joined from Cadbury Schweppes in 1984. He elso sits on the boards of J Sainsbury, BAT Industries and Farepak. He is a member of the Hampel Committee on Corporate Governance and will be president next year of the Confederation of British

Christopher Pearce, the finance director, joined in 1987 from County Nat-West, where he was a director. Before that he worked at J Herry Schroder Wagg. A non-executive director of the Burton Group, he is also the deputy chairman of the Hundred Group of Finance Directors.

Other non-executive members of the board are: Robert Koch-Neilsen, who is chairman of Sophus Berendsen. McGowan is chairman of the House of Fraser and formerly chief executive of Williams Holdings, Robert Napler is chief executive of Rediand, a Relgate neigh-bour of Rentokil Initial Earlier this month Ron

Hammerson, joined as a

non-executive.

sk the average person in the street the first Thing that comes to mind when you mention Rentokil, and they will probably say rat-catching. The average City analyst will say 20 per cent. Both associations are unrealistic, and both provide Rentokil Initial, the name we must learn to use since the £2.1 billion hostile takeover of BET in April last year, with

something of a milistone. The rat-catching goes back to 1904 and a proprietary rat poison invented by one company that would, some decades later, acquire another. This second concern had been killing deathwatch beetles with another proprietary chemical, called endocil. Some playing around with this name produced Rentokil.

The 20 per cent rule was installed by Sir Clive Thompson, the chief executive, when he arrived 15 years ago. Ouite simply, both pre-tax profits and earnings per share must grow by this amount each year. Without fail. This has been achieved in the past, but it shackles the company to selfimposed expectations that others are not required to match.

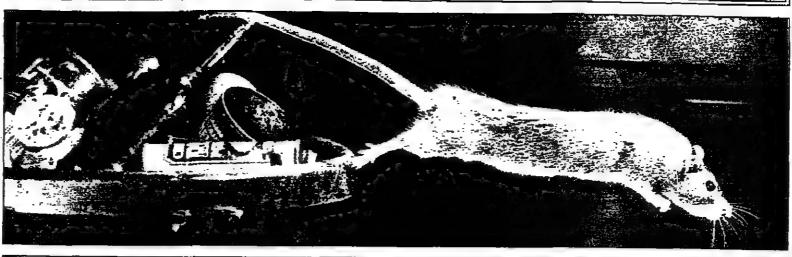
Back to names. Not only does Rentokil fail to reflect the wide areas of the service sector that the group has grown into. but it is a positive hindrance in some of them, such as hospital services, with decidedly tasteless overtones there, and US security, with its implication of the gun-toting enforcer. For this and other reasons,

there has been a reshuffling of the 355 or so companies that Rentokil has acquired since it went public and started its growth phase in 1969 - including 56 that were owned by BET. Nearly all now use either the Rentokil brand name, still perfect for pest treatment, or the Initial brand acquired with BET. As brand histories go. Initial's is another tangled one. With its roots in a television logo, it became well known in the washroom for textile services and then lay, unnourished, within BET.

This had been a sprawling conglomerate — the initials. standing for British Electric Traction, harked back to a glorious history producing steam engines. By the end of the 1980s the group had fallen on hard times, and John Clark, a former US Marine, had arrived to turn it around. The market's judgment was that he took too long, and the City, in the hostile takeover bid, backed Rentokil. This history lesson gives an idea of the image problems facing Rentokil Initial as it struggles to be seen as a modern, servicebased company with a wide

CORPORATE PROFILE: Rentokil Initial

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Broad sweep: Rentokil is best-known for its pest control operation, above, but the group, which has been led for 15 years by Sir Clive Thompson, below centre, as chief executive, offers a wide range of services — including school meals provider and as a supplier of indoor plants and decorative trees

eographical and industrial spread -- but not too wide. Service providers fall into

two camps. There are small, low-margin enterprises - the Mrs Mopps and so on. And there are larger companies that make a turn by the economies of scale available from fielding an army of Mrs Mopps, instilling a discipline that lets them charge more than their smaller competitors and taking a margin from each operative in the field. This may be an oversimplification, but it is Rentokil initial's method of operation.

Sir Clive said: There are some who see us as a broadly based conglomerate - I don't see that at all. We see ourselves as an international services company operating in North America, Europe including the UK and Asia Pacific, focused on a relatively broad range of services to industry and commerce."

This means that its operatives are very visible to cus-

tomers, and are required to work by themselves and to a high quality. The skills to manage a company in the group are largely similar, whether in any of Rentokil Initial's six main service areas, of pest control, healthcare and hygiene, provision of tropical plants for offices and factories. manned security, electronic security and textile services, even if the activities on the ground differ. Those manag-

erial skills are organisational, ensuring high productivity by deploying workers so that they do not waste expensive time sitting in a van or shuffling from one place to another.

That 20 per cent rule began as a purely internal discipline. It worked, giving managers a target — and a rool to detect areas not achieving their potential. Sir Clive says: "It has been a great advantage as far as the company is concerned

WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY

"The company has the most remarkable track record of any major pic in Britain today, it has achieved that through being in the right market and having strong management. There is no doubt that, ultimately, the growth will slow, but plenty of people, myself included, have predicted that in the past and have been confounded..."

Mark Sheppard, URS.

"The consensus for rate of growth in 1997 is around 20 per

cent, helped by earnings enhancement from having a full 12 months from the BET acquisition. But the consensus for 1998

is 16 per cent. The market is aware of this fact — I would suggest it's already in the price." Andrew Ripper, Mentil Lynch

the shareholders because the share price wouldn't have been as high." says Sir Clive. Next. the City began to ex-

the public arena."

pect 20 per cent, and to worry what would happen if one year, it were not achieved. There have been some near squeaks — earnings per share growth last year was just 30.5 per cent. "In recent years it has become a disadvantage, our shareholders say, because people are so focused upon it

internally, and that was exact-

ly what it was intended to do.

But it tended to drift our into

Then the City, after initial

could be achieved. "At that

stage, it was an advantage to

that they worry if you fail to achieve it," says Sir Clive. He believes that the share price now is dellated by City expectation of the inevitable failure to achieve a target that most companies would not

dream of. Institutional share-

holders, his argument goes, are unwilling to risk being in the stock when this inevitable failure arrives, and this deflates the share price further.

doubts, began to believe that it Will Sir Clive one day formally ditch that 20 per cent millstone? "We undoubtedly will - within the next 150 years or so," he jokes, and one must assume it is a joke. In truth, market conditions could change so much that it is no longer practicable even to shoot at 20 per cent. His main worries are low inflation, de-

> clining markets, and a pound that strengthens further oversess markets account for more than half of profits, and these will therefore be cut by up to 8 per cent this year, to judge from the interim figures. It must be said that some in the City see things differently from Sir Clive. Twenty per cent

growth can only be achieved.

sceptics say, by the purchase of

an unending stream of under-

performing businesses that can

be turned round with their margins enhanced. This lifts average margins of the group as a whole, and it is from here, rather than from organic growth, as represented by gaining new clients, that most of the 30 per cent rise comes.

Such a view gained credibility with the 1990 results, from which it was clear that the 20 per cent target would have been well undershot but for the arrival of those BET businesses. Their margins were well below those enjoyed by Rentokil, in part because BET's philosophy was to provide total service packages as against the Rentokil approach of concen-

trating on the most profitable. The question for the City is whether Rentokil Initial can keep up the momentum and jump that 20 per cent hurdle by improvements to the existing business and small acquisitions in its established areas, or whether it will need another BET-sized mega-acquisition, perhaps in another business area. This would be seen as risky. However, Sir Clive says that he has looked at catering, for example, and considered a bid for Compass, one of the most successful and fast-growing outfits in that sector, three years ago, "What we see for the next 18 months or couple of years is that we will continue to bed down BET while making infill acquisitions, or strategic acquisitions in countries we are already in," he says.

Rentokil Initial's financial record is impeccable, but the company has not scored well on the two external criteria used by The Times, Integrity Works says that the company has not got around to stating its ethical standards explicitly in the annual report. Sir Clive earned £2,569,173 in 1996, but according to Crisp Consulting's executive pay model he should have received £672.981. so the overpayment, on that basis, is 281 per cent. The number of non-executives is four, three fewer than the recommended upper limit. Their average pay is 29 per cent less than for all non-executives in FTSE 100 companies.

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NATWEST MARKETS will decide this month whether to make its debt markets arm into a standalone business through a profit-sharing scheme where staff could own up to 50 per cent of the

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By Fraser Nelson The company said it is

drawing up an innovative ownership scheme for both the remaining divisions, and will be ready to start work in the new year. The new structure, which will apply to the corporate advisory business as well. should ensure that salaries and bonuses do not spin away from the overall performance of the company.

A NatWest spokeswoman said: "The staff will own between 10 and 50 per cent of

Yule's Holliday plan

By CHRIS AYRES

YULE CATTO, the chemicals group, may announce a friendly £250 million bid for Holliday Chemical, its rival. as early as this morning. Yule, valued at £315 million, is expected to make an

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bid goes ahead it will give Michael Peagram, Holliday's chairman, founder and biggest shareholder, a £43 million Christmas

Shares in Holliday, which have suffered as raw materioffer of about 240p per als have become more exshare and analysts believe pensive, last week jumped from under 200p to 236 2p. the deal will win the approval of Holliday's board. If the

DECLARATION OF DEVIDEND AND CAPITALISATION AWARD

T). company has declared a final dividend (No. 169) of 90 cents per ordinary share in South African

currents, possible to members registered in the books of the company at 1200hrs on 51 December 1997 ("the

to all date. However, the directors of the company have resolved to issue fully paid ordinary shares in the

company as a springer store award, in lieu of the dividend, to those members registered as such on the

Manabers will be afterded the right to elect to receive the cash dividend instead of the capitalisation award.

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the company, probably somewhere in between, but no decisions have been made

The company said that al-though the debt business is to retreat from Hong Kong, at a cost of 55 jobs, it will boister its presence in Singapore and Japan. The corporate advisory arm is to be renamed and become semi-independent, but the debt markets arm is likely to be folded into Greenwich Capital, which NatWest

bought last year. Derek Wanless, its chief executive, said the debt business made better sense within the NatWest Group and did not need a sister equity arm to balance out. "If you look at the real synergies around the group, many of them are in

debt markets," he said. The company is still trying to sell its Australian and Asian cash equities arm. Bankers Trust is buying its pan-European equities division for £129 million, while Deutsche Morgan Grenfell has agreed to pay £50 million for the global equity derivatives operation.

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Aidan Barclay

We wish to make it clear that the application for a casino licence at the Ritz Hotel. Barclays seek new casino licence at Ritz" (November 24) is being made by The Ritz Hotel Casino Limited, a company wholly owned by Aidan Bar-clay, the son of David Barclay. Neither David Barlay nor his brother Frederick Barclay, the owners of the Ritz, have any interest in the application for a

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ing home company, claims that its returns are improving strongly. In a document defending against the bid from Bupa, it says that more cash is being generated, occupancy has risen from 83.7 per cent in and other operating costs fell significantly as a proportion of

Peter Jacobs, chief executive of Bupa, said the defence represented another case of "jam tomorrow". Bupa would still prefer an agreed deal.

Banking debt

The financial repercussions of the turmoil in South East for International Settlements

Yamaichi bid

Société Générale, the French banking group, is to negotiate a takeover of Yamaichi International Capital Management, a fund management subsidiary of Japan's failed Yamaichi Securities.

Dutch sources are confident that KLM will win the hand of Alitalia after negotiations for a partnership. The Italian state airline has also been talking to Air France and Swissair.

TODAY

Interims: Baillie Gifford Japan. Carclo Engineering Group. CRT Group, Faupel Trading Group. Highers Systems Services, Jarvis. Jasmin, Marston Thompson & Evershed, Total Systems. Finals: Aliders, API Group, Cellitech, Esc tronic Data Processing, United Drug Economic statistics: UK October Industrial/manufacturing out-

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WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

Interiors: Atlantic Telecom, Harvey Nicholis, LucasVarity, Racal Elec-tronics, Shield Diagnostics. Finals: Countryside Properties, Galen Holdings, Hunters Armiey Group. Economic statistics: UK CBI per inclustrial trends survey FRIDAY

Interims: Bandt, Brasway, John Swan & Sons. Finals: Grainger Trust. Economic statistics: No UK data scheduled for release.

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy GEC, BBA, Syntner, Hardy Oil & Gas, Culver Holdings, Wiggins, World Telecom: Sell: Parkland. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Countryside Properties. Cliveden. The Observer: Buy Berisford, Britax. Mail on Sunday: Bay Burnden Leisure; Sell Jacobs Holdings, Mulberry Group. Express on Sunday: Buy Christian Salvesen, Glynwed International.



Heavy going at Harvey Nichols

London's army of Sloanes and made famous by Edina and Patsy in Absolutely Fabulous, the Knightsbridge department store group has been spreading its tentacles rapidly north in an effort to fuel profits growth.

A new store opened in Leeds earlier this year made an immediate impact, but it remains to be seen if sales can be maintained at their early blistering pace.

Half-year profits, due out on Thursday, are expected to grow from £5.5 million to £6 million with the dividend up from 1.9p to 2p. Full-year figures in June failed to live up to expectations. with start-up costs of El million relating to the Oxo Tower restaurant taking the edge off things.

Dickson Poon, chairman, is now on the lookout for other restaurant sites, but admits this may take some time.

COMPASS GROUP: The independent catering services group has completed a steady stream of acquisitions in recent years, creating a pattern of solid earnings growth

It is unlikely that much will have changed when full-year figures are unveiled tomorrow. The group has set itself a target of 20 per cent earnings growth per annum and these latest figures are unlikely to disappoint.

Pre-tax profits are expected to come in at about £137.2 million compared with £114.3 million last time, producing earnings a share of 31.1p against 26.5p, a rise of 17 per cent that should

prove acceptable. It will become harder for Compass to maintain this when it must rely on organic growth. The payout is expected to rise from 8.6p to 9.8p.

SCOTTISH HYDRO: Half-year figures on Wednesday will again reflect the effects of low rainfall, needed in hydro generation. Pretax profits are set to grow from £61.3 million to £68 million, helped by a growing contribution from its interests south of the



Less than fabulous half-year growth is expected from Dickson Poon at Harvey Nichols

border in England and Wales, where power generation continues to grow.

An increased tax burden is likely to limit the scope for growth in earnings to around 8 per cent at 13.4p. After stripping out the E43 million windfall tax bill, the earnings figure (alls to just 2.2p. Results in the second half should be boosted by the new station at Keadby in addition to Seabank and Rocksavage. The

interim dividend should grow from 5.28p to 5.85p net.

RACAL ELECTRONICS: The group has been the subject of bid speculation in recent months, although its share price remains well below its best of the year. Half-year results, out Thurs-

day, are unlikely to be good enough to enable the price to make up lost ground. Brokers are looking for a downturn in pre-tax

profits of about £14 million, to £5 million, with earnings a share

suffering a similar fate, down from 3.8p to 0.9p.

The only bright spot is defence, accounting for almost a third of group sales. The interest charge is expected to grow to £13 million. The dividend will stay at 2.10p.

AIRTOURS: Brokers will be pinning their hopes on some

holiday bookings when the group unveils full-year figures on Wednesday. Pre-tax profits are expected to show another impressive rise from £86.8 million to between £115 million and £120 million. although earnings growth is likely to be more modest, up 22 per cent at 56p.

UK tour operating profits will be about 40 per cent ahead at £58.5 million, supported by solid demand from Scandinavia. North America will have experienced another difficult period. Shareholders should be rewarded with a rise in the payout of 25 per cent from 16p to 20p.

LUCASVARITY: Currency translations are likely to have held back the newly merged group's performance in the third quarter, as results on Thursday will show. Pre-tax profits of £85.6 million are expected, which should compare favourably with the pro forma numbers from last year. Earnings a share are calculated at 4.1p. Most of the costsaving benefits arising from the merger will already have affected margins. There will be no payout

ALLDERS: Another solid performance is expected later today from a management that re-

mains hungry for further success. The acquisition of the Owen Owen department store chain will have provided a nice boost to pre-tax profits, which Nick Bubb, retail analyst at Société Générale Strauss Turnbull, pitches at £21 million compared with £11 million. Earnings are set to leap a massive 200 per cent to 18.1p. The dividend will be up 9 per cent at 7.7p.

NFC: The benefits of restructuring should be reflected in fullyear figures on Wednesday. Pretax profits should have grown from £85.2 million to between £90 million and £100 million. Earnings should be up by about 11 per

The payout should be pegged

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Focus falls on retail price data

statistics kicks off today with publi-A cation of industrial production figures for October and producer prices data for November.

Industrial production is expected to have grown by 0.3 per cent, according to a consensus of market forecasts compiled by MMS International, compared with a fall of 0.2 per cent the previous month.

Manufacturing output is forecast to have risen by 0.2 per cent, the same increase as in September.

Producer input prices are expected to have fallen by 0.7 per cent in the latest month, leaving input prices down 6.4 per cent over the past year. Output prices are anticipated to have risen by 0.1 per cent in November, leaving them 12 per cent higher than a year ago.

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Tomorrow, the markets will be focused on retail prices figures for November. The headline rate of inflation is expected to be unchanged from October's level at 3.7 per cent and the underlying rate unchanged at 2.8 per cent. Also published is the British Retail Consortium's latest monthly sales monitor, which is expected to confirm that November retail sales have been very disappointing. Another point of interest tomorrow will be the appearance of Gordon Brown, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, before the Treasury Select Committee to testify on the Pre-Budget

n Wednesday, attention will turn to the publication of minutes of the November meeting of the monetary policy committee when rates were raised by 4 point. Amid speculation that this was a split decision, these minutes are particularly eagerly awaited. On Thursday, the Confederation of British Industry's latest industrial trends survey is published and, on Friday, a two-day summit of European Union leaders begins

in Luxembourg. .
Among overseas developments that will be of particular interest in the financial markets will be the announcement, expected on Wednesday, of a package of measures to stabilise the Japanese financial system.

On Friday, the Governor of the Bank of Japan is due to make a speech at the Japan

JANET BUSH

Capital funding at record levels

By Graham Searjeant, financial editor

THE world's main capital market raised a record \$1,350 billion of international finance in the first nine months of the year, almost 15 per cent more than the same period last year, according to a new study from the Paris-based organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

billion was in securities or fully committed loan facilities, including \$672 billion of bonds and a much more modest \$54 billion of equity. almost as much as for the whole of 1996. Capital raised

over the full year should easily beat last year's \$1,572 billion, the OECD expects, unless Asian financial crises and market volatility virtually stail capital raising activity.

The UK came third over the nine months, raising \$129 billion of international finance, against \$354 billion in billion in Germany.

In a special study in Finan-Market Trends, the

uid markets in emerging economies too. Apart from the UK and US, however, institutional funds appear to show little interest in equity shares, the OECD notes.

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Total institutional funds in the main OECD areas, which COVET WE North America, Japan and

Growth accelerated in 1990-95," with investment comparties such as unit trusts and mutual funds growing fastest. at an annual rate of 29 per cent in Canada, 22 per cent in Germany, 19 per cent in the US and 14 per cent in the UK and Italy, insurance funds

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al 19 per cent in France. By contrast, pension funds grew relatively slowly in the seven leading countries. Only in Asia and the Pacific did annual pension fund growth exceed 10 per cent.

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Australasia, grew from \$3,200 billion, or 38 per cent of OECD shows that institutionproduct in 1981, to \$16,300 al funds have come to dominate virtually all stock billion (90 per cent of GDP) in 1991 and to \$24,300 billion (107 markets in the industrial CHANGE ON WEEK TOURIST RATES THE POUND 2,38 20,04 58,97 2,288 0,854 10,91 8,70 9,54 2,48 12,41 11,9 5,53 2823 211,80 0,821 3,215 2,68 11,61 291,00 12,54 US dollar 1.6563 (-0.0282) German mark 2.9532 (-0.0179) Exchange index

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SPEY CAST

Rates for small denomination banknotes only as supplied by Barclays Bank, Different rates apply

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(b) A piece is said to be quick firing when the means of obtoration (preventing gases escaping through breech) is a brass case for propellant. Many large pieces have propellant in bags with

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(c) Before synchromesh gears were invented, it was necessary, when changing down, to depress the clutch pedal, lift out of gear, release clutch pedal, "blip" engine revs, depress pedal and engage lower gear. I am amazed that anyone ever managed to change down.

(a) Used in Malaysia to denote either distant but organised locations or territory off the beaten track, where there is wild undergrowth and the occasional nomadic habitation.

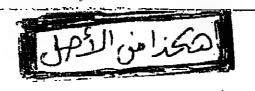
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it's all very well to say share and share alike, but in all honesty wouldn't you prefer to enjoy at leisure your own copy of the Times Educational Supplement? The FE Focus section, in particular, really does deserve much more than a rushed flick through in the staffroom. So for opinions worth taking the time to listen to, buy your own copy, take it home and keep it to yourself. FE FOCUS

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there may be only 17 days left until Christmas but even more strikingly, there are only 389 days left until the advent of the euro. Of all the things that have been claimed to result from the coming of the new currency, there is one which has not been much heralded but which, for me, stands out confusion. The new currency will destroy people's monetary history, and hence their sense of values.

Put yourself in the position of a European citizen offered a job that pays 30,000 euros a year. Good or bad? You must now get out your calculator and work out how this translates into marks, or whatever. But since your salary was last set in marks, there has been inflation. Moreover, there will presumably be inflation in euros in the future. So how many euros should you now seek in your new job to get the equivalent reward? Of course, there is a conversion formula which you could use, and

doubtless for large transactions

Lost sense of value in the currencies of time

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this is exactly what will be done. would not advise it. Or consider But individuals do not typically carry a calculator with them to assess every economic transaction. Rather, they rely on memory and the sense this gives them of relative values. You enter the supermarket and find that strawberries are on special offer - 2 You simply will not know.

This confusion about relative values will reach its height in all long-term financial contracts. where a sense of value over time is vital. You are confronted by a salesman who tells you that if you save 500 euros a month, by the time you are 65 you will be able to draw a pension of 40,000 euros a year. Would that make you rich or poor? Most people surely will not have a clue. Naturally, they could ask the salesman to tell them, but I mortgages. The bank offers a euro fixed-rate mortgage at 5 per cent? Good or bad? It would be an extremely good deal in comparison to how things used to be with sterling mortgages: But in euros?
This confusion will not be

entirely new. Something similar happened with decimalisation in the UK. At least in that instance, values quoted in pounds were undisturbed. It was only prices below the pound unit which were cut adrift from their history. It still seems incredible that something as trivial as the 50p coin equates to the old ten-shilling note.

Yet the main reason for the dislocation of values in Britain has been not decimalisation, but inflation. Earlier this year, the RPI celebrated its fiftieth anniversary and this threw up some



interesting price comparisons. In 1947, for three shillings (15p) you could have bought a 78 rpm gramophone record of Glenn Miller, or paid to watch Charlton win the FA Cup. An old thruppeny bit would have bought you a copy of *The Times*. Whereas prices overall have risen

chocolate has risen by a factor of 11 and a woman's frock by only 412 times. (Mind you, in 1947, as well as paying £15 is lid, you also had to tender seven coupons.) Meanwhile, the price of a six-bedroom house in Wimbledon has risen from £7,250 to £775,000.

These changes in the value of money over long periods of time play havoc with concepts of value - especially in relation to earn-ings. You frequently hear complaints about how expensive things are now, and, of course, in terms of money values, they are.

But what do these mean? In 1914 you could buy two front stalls seats at the Royal Opera for a mere £2 2s (ie, £2.10). The two of you could also have dinner and stay the night at the Savoy and after the whole evening still have

change from a fiver. Sounds good, doesn't it? But it would have taken an ordinary worker a month to earn that fiver.

For another example, take the earnings of our public servants. Excessive aren't they? In 1830 the Duke of Wellington, as Prime Minister, was able to rub along on a mere £17,000 per annum. But in today's money that equates to £3-4 million. Uprated in line with the growth of average earnings, that would translate into a few millions a year today.

After the advent of the euro, people's sense of values will be disturbed by both inflation and the currency change. Of course, the problems created by the currency change will be only temporary. In time, the euro will develop its own monetary history and people will accumulate a stock of memories about relative values.
Moreover, if the currency fulfils
the claims being made for it, the
gains will easily outweigh the
costs imposed by the initial loss of monetary history. Yet I wish that it was properly appreciated that there is this item on the debit side of the ledger.

The advocates of the single currency tell us that it will instantly increase the efficiency of the price mechanism because price comparisons will become much easier across countries. That is true - up to a point. But the extent to which it will equalise prices is, in my view, grossly overdone.

Differences in taxes, competitive conditions, labour and transport costs will ensure that price differences across countries will remain, and hence difficult comparisons will still have to be made. Meanwhile, price comparisons over time will become not easier but much more difficult. What is your view? A euro for your

Spectacular season for Optoplast duo

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TWO directors of Optoplast, Britain's largest spectacle case maker, are set to become millionaires three days before Christmas when their company joins the Alternative Investment Market valued at

Daniel Thorn and Gary Conway, joint chief executives of the company, will each retain a £3.3 million stake each after flotation. Staff get £200 of free shares each.

The company was set up after the Second World War by Mr Conway's father, using funds provided by Mr Thorn's grandfather. It capitalised on the deregulation of the optical industry in the 1980s, and now runs a catalogue of 125 different models, which sell across the UK, France, Germany and

million to fund its expansion into jewellery boxes - a market which Mr Thorn believes is worth £30 million in

Profits and sales have almost doubled over the last two years, allowing the company to return a pre-tax profit of £1.36 million on sales of £4.83 million in the year to June 30. Elsewhere on AIM, Patrick McDonagh, the founder of CBT, a computer programmer

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training group, made his second fortune on Friday, when Rapid Technology joined both AIM and Dublin's Develop-

ing Companies' Market (DCM). Mr McDonagh, who raised £60 million by selling his stake in CBT, retains a £6.18 million holding in Rapid Technology, itself valued at £22 million after raising Ir£5 million (£4.4 million). CBT becomes the first company to join both AIM and the DCM.

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Open and shut case: Daniel Thorn, left, and Gary Conway, will become millionaires

Equal access rules to benefit telecoms

BY RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

operators - BT, Kingston, in

the Hull area, and Vodaione

and Cellnet - will be required

to give equal access to competi-tors, including international

rivals such as WorldCom and

AT&T. The four dominant pro-

viders will have to offer inter-

connection to long distance

and international carriers

who, in turn, can market their

services to the subscribers of

the dominant four. Sub-

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SPECIALIST telecommunications groups such as Energis and Colt should benefit from a decision by the Government to accept European Commission proposals for "equal access" in the telecoms markets of member states from 2000.

In the past, British policy has been to promote competition by licensing new networks. The decision to support equal access means that customers will be able to choose freely which operator carries their long distance and international calls without dialling a prefix code a system known as "easy access". At the moment most calls go by default over the existing BT network.

nate their chosen carriers. James Dodd, telecommunications analyst at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, believes that the change will accelerate the decline in BT's market

In the UK, four dominant share from 2000 onwards. It also has the ability to reverse BT earnings from growth of around 5 per cent a year to a small percentage fall. Last week's decision at a

> meeting of the European Telecoms Council in Brussels comes as a boost for Energis. the National Grid telecommunications company specialising in the business market. The decision means that Energis, which floats on the London stock exchange and Nasdaq this week, will from 2000 be able to market its services nationally without having to link its own infrastructure to every city or

market in the UK.

Tesco set to sell French subsidiary for £225m

By CHRIS AYRES

TESCO, the UK's leading supermarket group, is expected to this week announce the E225 million sale of Catteau, its French subsidiary, to

Promodès, a French retailer. The sale of Catteau, which owns seven hypermarkets, 74 supermarkets and 23 smaller outlets mostly in the North. will mark the end of a fouryear struggle by Tesco against local competition.

it comes as the consolidation of the French food sector is gathering pace, with Promodés launching a hostile £3.3 billion takeover for Casino Guichard-Perrachon, the

market leader. Tesco will be seen as accepting defeat against the difficult French market, which suffers from strict planning laws against supermarkets, depressed consumer spending and fierce competition.

Tesco paid an estimated £150 million for Caneau in 1993. It recently poached André Mercier from Docks de France, its French rival, making him chief executive.

However, the group, which was discreetly put up for sale in September, suffered a disappointing performance last year, making profits of just 1 million, Goldman Sachs, the investment bank, is handling the sale.

In spite of its aggressive strategy. Tesco failed to gain a larger share of the French market. Last year, it also aborted a bid to buy Docks de

When the disposal Catteau is complete Tesco is expected to concentrate on its overseas operations in Poland. Hungary, Slovakia and the Czech Republic. Tesco would not comment vesterday.

Swiss banks merger likely to hit jobs in City

By Graham Searjeant FINANCIAL EDITOR

MANY hundreds of jobs are likely to be lost in the City of London if merger negotiations between Swiss Bank Corporation and Union Bank of Switzerland succeed in bringing together Switzerland's two biggest international banks.

Some estimates put job losses worldwide at 10,000 because of the strong overlap between the two banks, which together have about 50,000 staff.

In London, the overlap is clearest in securities trading, where each is a leading player. Two years ago SBC bought SG Warburg, which included all the Warburg businesses other than fund management and employs about 3,500 in the City. UBS bought the former Phillips & Drew, with its PDFM fund management and venture capital group, in preparation for the 1986 big bang. It employs about 3,000 in London.

Speculation on the Continent has increased over the weekend that the talks are virtually complete and a merger could even be announced today. The combined bank is expected to be called Union Bank Corporation of Switzerland. It would initially be valued at about £36 billion.

While UBS has traditionally been the senior of the three top Swiss banks, SBC has recently been more successful at cutting domestic retail banking costs and building a world-scale network in trading and fee-based businesses.

The Swiss and at least two of the three top German banking groups aim to be in the singlefigure elite of global investment



pocket £1.25 million in cash on December 22, when the shares start trading, and will each

Spain. It is now raising £2 44 10.8

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high-tech jobcentre in Brixton Hill, South London, where jobseckers locate opportunities nationwide, using touch-sensitive computer screens High-tech approach driving delivery of new deal on jobs

The Employment Service outlines a new

jobcentre initiative today, says Philip Bassett

will be set out today when the ES publishes its prospectus for the future - the latest move in a realignment of the service set in motion by Labour's election

ello? No — yes, WHAT? You'll have to WAIT!"

. This is the rough

end of jobfinding: a harassed official in a London job centre,

on the phone and simulta-

neously trying to deal with the

unemployed young woman in front of her. On a chilly grey

winter afternoon, the chairs

are crowded. One person wait-

on the floor. Two squat on the

Just off London's busiest

shopping area, this is the

jobcentre in Denmark Street.

incongruously sited where

rock music instrument shops

jostle each other for business.

In a grimy, yellow-walled jobcentre devoted to catering

work, servicing the fast-food

and restaurant industries of

the West End, a dozen or so

people stare at the jobs on the

boards. "It's not a question

that I'm not willing to work,"

an early-20s woman is ex-

plaining to the official behind

the desk. -"I'm looking for work. But I have got a right to

say I don't want to work in the kind of job I've been doing."

Displayed behind her are

some of those jobs - the

McJobs of the new flexible

labour market. "Brand new

contemporary bar opening in

Covent Garden - start work

from January 5, 1998", says

one glowingly, though the reality is a little different from

the glamorous rhetoric:

"Kitchen assistant . . . £3.25 an

Opposite shops selling a

vintage 1957 Fender Strato-

caster guitar for £1.950, and a

ibson Everly acoustic for just

195, there's this: "Crew

ember, fast-food restaurant, ccadilly Circus. £3.60 an

bur, 6pm-5am night and arly shifts." Or this "Cook,

a part-time waiter in Bond

Street, able to speak English and Japanese, all for "£80 per

ek net". Poday, Gordon Brown will

inphasise the Government's miniment to getting people

ech to a TUC conference on

bour's £2.5 billion New meal jobs scheme, he will veloome employer support for

the programme, such as Resco's jobs announcement

today. But behind the politics

of the programme - using wandfall tax money from the

privatised utilities to cut youth

and long-term unemployment - hes the practicality of delivering it. That will fall to the

Government's Employment

Service, which runs the coun-

David Blunkett, Employ-

tment and enthusiasm

ment, and Education Secretary, says there is a "new

for a new way of working" in the Employment Service (ES) since the Government an-

nounced its New Deal programme, which goes live on January 5 in 12 "pathfinder"

try's 1,030 jobcentres.

areas across Britain.

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hour."

The primary role of the ES, which absorbs £1.2 billion in government funding. is to help the unemployed to find work, according to Leigh Lewis, its chief executive, But he adds: "We also have another role, which is concerned with the protection of public funds, ensuring that only those people eligible to receive Jobseeker's Allowance

actually do so." What that past is the ES

ployed as equivalent to the police: someone who is going to stop you doing things, who is going to bear down hard on you, and clamp down on your benefit. Someone to stay wellclear of, as far as is possible.

Senior ES officials acknowl-

edge that many claimants hold this view, privately recognising that much of the policy drive of the Conservative Government was in this direction - though they insist that this approach has been one of the most significant factors in improving labour market flex-ON THE RISE-JOBCENTRE VACANCIES

ibility and contributing to the fall in unemployment.

With its support for flexibility, Labour wants to build on that. But it is clear, too, that it wants the ES in particular to witch its focus by becoming much more geared to helping people back into work. "We have to make people want to come into jobcentres, rather than just need to," one senior ES official says.

Some organisations with long experience of dealing with the ES are sceptical that it is capable of making such a radical shift. They doubt its experience in contracting

6 We have to make the unemployed. want to come into the jobcentres, rather than because they need to 9

deals, and are fearful that the private sector firms who will be leading on the New Deal in. local areas could outpace it. ES

officials deny this. But the shift in direction coming from Labour follows an already large-scale alteration in the Employment Service's ways of working over the past year; Mr Lewis, whose first year it was, calls it the service's "most demanding In the past 12 months, the

ES has had to put into place the most significant change to

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David Blunkett, left, and Gordon Brown aim to get people off welfare and into work

social security benefits in Brit-ain since 1947, when the Jobsecker's Allowance renot yet taken by others. They take their choices to an official placed unemployment benefit. At the same time, it has spent more than £70 million on a in the bright open-plan office, new computer system that finally offers the chance for the unemployed to see vacancies online, from around the coun-

try if necessary - a Whitehall holy grail that has eluded governments for more than 20 It has done so quietly and successfully - a far cry from the management chaos and howls of client complaint that afflicted the Child Support Agency, a not

ernment body. The new Lab

Jobcentre. Though only a few

crow-flying miles from Den-

mark Street - oddly, a highly

effective centre, with good

placement figures into local

catering - the two could

hardly be more different. For a

jobcentre. Brixton Hill is

splashes of attractive colour

and deft spotlighting. New

Deal displays are prominent.

Two young women walk in the door, and with the ease of

practice, head straight for the LMS standalone Siemens

Nixdorf terminals. These, with

warm and welcoming, with

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that begins there in a few weeks - advisory staff already hired and being trained, the gramme up and rumning, environmental help schemes.

economic and social agenda. Mr Blunkett is fulsome in

Deal is being introduced is a credit to the Employment Service," he says, though minis-ters and ES officials know that success will be heavily dependent on how far the service manages to make it work. Some local ES managers

the past year have caused strains: the service overall missed its performance target, managing to place only 1.7 million people into work instead of 2 million. With falling unemployment.

year's target is lower, at 1.75 Delivering the New Deal been a rather hidebound arm

of government.
But the confidence to do so is there: "People are very positive about the New Deal," says Francesca Walford at Brixton Hill. They really like it. They want it to work. This is a major investment in the Employment Service - and we want to deliver.

respond immediately to their job choices, guiding them quickly through sector and area selections. A further touch prints out specific job vacancies - vacancies which, unlike many on jobcentre no-tice boards, are for live jobs,

and begin to make contact with the firms they have Francesca Walford, business manager at the jobcentre, which currently has about 2,500 unemployed registered,

takes pride in both its efficiency, and its attractiveness and sees the two as linked: "If the image is what a mess, well how are people supposed to have confidence in the advice we're giving."

She and the centre's 36 staff are bubbling with enthusiasm, for the New Deal programme

such as refurbishing old computers, identified. Senior ES officials believe that jobcentres like Brixton Hill are the way forward for the service, and the best prospect of delivering the New Deal and subsequent welfareto-work programmes that are central to the Government's

his praise. The speed and enthusiasm with which New

and services are a deal less good than the best. As one ocal-level employment specialist puts it of their own local ES: "In our area's ES office if someone turns a fan on, it's the biggest movement they've The shifts in the ES over

and falling staff numbers -ES manpower totals fall with unemployment, and are now down to about 30,000 - this

will be a further tough chall-enge for what has traditionally

A mural for a prisoner

BBC2. 7.30om

A shared passion for hip hop music brings together the artist Chris Ofili and Anthony Ismond, who is doing time for robbery in Wormwood Scrubs. The challenge for Ofili is to make a painting for Ismand's cell wall. Ofili is no conventional painter. Since he left the Reyal College of Art four years ago he has made his name with unorthodox designs he has made his name with unbrutobox designs incorporating unusual materials. These include elephant droppings, which he collects from London Zoo. But will the blobs of dung get past prison security? On a more cerebral plane the programme leafures Brad Lochore, whose pointings evoke shadows cast on a white canvas. and Anya Hurlbert, a vision scientist interested in how the eye makes sense of shapes and colours. Lochore warms to the challenge of filling Hurlbert's empty wall.

BBC2, 8.00pm Dr Phil Hammond is something of a cornedian as Dr Phil Hammond is something of a comenian as well as being a medic and it continues to show in this diverting pol-pourt. The content is authoritative enough but a gag is never too long coming, which means that the show probably attracts many people who would otherwise leap for the remote control. Hammond has a new acronym for most of us tonight. It is TUBE and stands for botally unaccessary breast examination. Too many argumentation when the CP for a stree fitner. young vionen are going to the GP for a sore firms, or similar complaint, and being sold that he wants to look at fineir breasts as well. A doctor who has been struck off still insists that it is routine medical practice. To which the programme loudly says:
nuts. Dr Phil also brings good news for tirritins
sufferers (it can be treated) and explains how
chillies can ease chronic pain.

Tonight's backstage peep follows a production of Mother Goose in Birmingham. The producers claim it to be Britain's biggest and most lavish panto, with costumes and scenery alone costing £300,000. The hoped-for showstopper is a transformation scene in which Matthew Kelly, as

RADIO CHOICE

The importance of Berlin and the impact of his recent death are illustrated by the fact that Radio 3 recent deam are incorract by he act that teams is giving over the evening to various aspects of his work, linked and introduced by Humphrey Carpenter. There are interviews with many of those who knew him and worked with him, including Alfred Brendel, who plays part of the Schubert Piano Concerto in A and talks about his disable his mith Berlin Thems is also a recognized of friendship with Berlin. There is also a recording of the final Mellon Lecture which Berlin gave in 1965 under the title: Some Sources of Romanticism—
the Lasting Effects. Carpenter will be talking to
Berlin's literary executor. Henry Hardy, and to
various academics about the extent to which Berlin
will be understood by generations to come.

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8.30mm Paul Ross and Carol McGillan 9.00 Scott Chlaholm

Dr Phil Hammond (BBC2, 8.00pm)

the dame, turns into, of all people, Joanna Lumley in her Ab Fab guise. A quick change for Kelly is the easy bit. More tricky is the "pool of beauty" which easy bit. More tricky is the post of beauty which has real fountains spraying real water. At least that is the plan. In the best tradition of showbusiness bitches, the fountains do not work and there is just an hour to curtain up. None of this disconcerts the Chuckle Brothers. Because their comedy routine has nothing to do with the plot they can recycle it from panto to panto with only slight modifications.

Radio 3. midday

Channel 4, 9.00pm

From Brian Woods and Kate Blewett, who memorably exposed the scandal of Chinese orphanages in The Dying Rooms, comes another scathing indictment of the abuse of children. Their two-part documentary draws its examples from several countries and not necessarily the obvious ones. In supposedly civilised Greece, children with disabilities can be consigned to institutions where they get no treatment, are never reassessed and are effectively left to die. The plight of the street children of Latin America is more public but no less distressing. Many turn to glue-sniffing, selling their bodies to pay for it. In Guatemala City a girl describes being raped by a group of police when she was 15. Woods and Blewett also visit a penal colony in the Urals where Russian boys of 14 can be Channel 4, 9.00pm colony in the Urals where Russian boys of 14 can be locked up for two years for stealing loose change.

Peter Waymark

When this strand features composers who are still

alive I am always fascinated to see which of their own compositions they choose to highlight, some-times giving a different idea of what they regard as

important as compared with the view of critics. Goehr is heard in conversation with Piers Burton-

Sir Isaiah Bertin: Historian of Ideas

6.00em Sazah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debble Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Humphrey Lytistics 8.00 Melcolm Laycock with Big Band Ers and Denos Bend Deys 8.00 Big Band Special 8.48 Filipids Over Britain 10.30 Richard Allerset 92.05em Staff 8.60cm 3.00 Next Lester

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12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deck 7.00 Anna Raebum 9.00 James Whale 1:00em Ian Collins

Goehr is neard in conversation with Piers BurronPage. Goehr was a leading avant garde composer
30 and more years ago, when he was established as
a leading member of the so-called Manchester
School. But he could never really be pinned down
in terms of musical style, taking what critics regard
as a slightly detached attitude to Modernism in
music. Goehr's work ranges from piano pieces
through opera to works for theatre and the full
range is explored in this interview. Peter Barnard WORLD SERVICE

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CLASSIC FM

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Introduced by Piers Burton-Page, See Choice
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C. Linzt; Ravel (Pieno Concerto in G); Bruckner
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to reversi the CD they would like for Christinas

7.30 Str Iselah Bertin: The Historian of Ideas. See Choics. Humphrey Carpenter presents an evening dedicated to the memory, music and ideas of Sir Isalah Berlin, who died on November 5. Includes at 7.40 Schubert (Plano Soneta in A) performed by Alired Brender 8.00 Some Sources of Romanticism. A lecture by Berlin called The Lesting Effects 8.35 Mozert (Don Giovenni, Act 4) 9.05 Ivan Turgenev (A Fire at See) translated by Berlin 9.35 Beathower (String Quartet in C sharp minor), performed by the Busch Quartet in C sharp minor), performed by the Busch Quartet in C sharp minor), performed by the Busch Quartet in C sharp minor), performed by the Busch Quartet in C sharp minor), performed by the Busch Quartet in C sharp minor) in the birth of the German post Heinrich Heine 10.45 Milledg It Includes a studio session from the sampler duo Funt 11.36 Composer of the Week: Cole Porter (r) 12.30 am Jazz Notes, with Richard Niles, Includes a concert given by the BBC Big Band and the Jameican jazz planist Monty Alexander 1.00 Through the Nilght, with Donald MacLeod

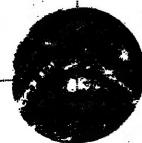
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7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper(r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Stopping the Rising, by
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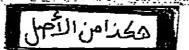
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INSECT CLUES TONIGHT AT 10 PM. PART OF 'CRIME CRACKERS' EVERY NIGHT THIS WEEK.



Portrait of a lady in an unconvincing pose

nybody who didn't know who Helen Mirren was supposed to be in Painted Lady (ITV) last night probably was around for the 1960s and just couldn't remember. Either that, or they hadn't been watching Brit Giris: Marianne (Channel 4, Sat-urday), when Marianne Faithfull popped up looking so like Mirren it was uncanny.

Anyway, there they both were, two great survivors - one happily discussing Mick, motorbikes and Mars bars and getting it all over in an enjoyable half-hour; the other unhappily showing that even the very best can pick a dud sometimes and that, by some curious universal law, it nearly always turns out to be a four-hour. television mini-series.

Mirren was playing Maggie Sheridan, an ageing rock-singer now living in genicel poverty in Ireland, surrounded by vinyl memories and supported by the

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munificence of the Stafford family. and-a-half hours to fill. Perhaps he the kindly but equally impoverished local gentry. They rescued her from living rough in New York a decade ago, she tells a visiting policeman, and got her through rehab'. I winced. I'm nervous of dramas where principal characners have been through "rehah".

Now, about these Staffords.

Sebastian, the son, is a pretty, gay, drug-user who owes £60,000 to one of Dublin's nastier drugdealers. His father, Sir Charles, had resolved to do something about it by arranging for some of his paintings to be stolen but only after taking the precaution of insuring them. for £60,000. Then one of the robbers accidentally shot him dead. Hence the visiting policeman.

All this became first very un-clear and then clear-as-can-be in the space of the opening half-hour. Which unfortunately left Alan Cubbitt, the writer, with three-

panicked (who knows?), but for one reason or another he chose to fill it with a storyline so convoluted and improbable that the characters keep having to stop and explain it to each other.

nly one painting, it turned

out, was stolen and that, naturally, turned out to be a long-lost Old Master. We know that because, conveniently. Maggie's younger sister (Lesley Manville) is an art expert and her husband (Michael Maloney) is an art dealer. So Maggie resolved to become an art dealer herself (as you do), buying the painting back from the thieves and selling it for huge sums to restore the Stafford family fortunes. Her brother-inlaw thought this a very bad idea, but was talked round with astonishing ease and within minutes had furnished her with piles of cash (to pay for a tacky musical



Matthew Bond

transformation scene in which kohl and henna were swapped for mascara and highlights), a London flat and instructions such as "only to go up to \$3.8 million for the Goya". Think I'll become an art dealer, too.

So far, so ridiculous. By the end of part one, Sebastian was dangling from the ceiling in his knickers, having apparently walked into an gay sex-killer subexpecting: Maggie was about to meet somebody behind one of those fashionable, glass- brick replace it. But at least it was authentic-looking cliché. This variation involved the friendship between Lynette (Shirwalls that Tessa Shaw keeps going on about in Home Front. Part two. tonight, is only for those convinced that Mirren can do no wrong and for annoying people who have done all their Christmas cards. . Debt and drugs were two of the themes explored in Bumping the Odds (BBC2), a film apparently considered so Scottish that it couldn't be shown until 10.15pm,

take a bit of getting used to.

The subject matter, however, did not. Poverty, debt. drugs, alcohol, violence, the complete absence of hope — the problem that Scottish film-makers currently face is that, post-Trainspotting, this sort of urban canvas is going to become a cliche with a wider audience long before anything comes along to

after a repeat of an old Horizon.

The accents, it has to be said, did

This variation involved the ley Henderson), a somewhat improbable young mother of two, and Terry (Sharon Small), whose provocative dialogue ("men are for shags, friends are for life") and tousled hair-do suggested a deeprooted desire to be Anna from This Life when she grew up.

nto this walked Joe McFadden, whose boyish good looks did so much for The Crow Road but here were designed to throw you off the scent. He arrived bearing gifts (a new washing machine) and the promise of a happy ending. But in a Glasgow film without Bill Pater-son? Not a chance. He had borrowed the money from the ruthless loanshark whose minions slit women's cheeks for fun and with whom Terry was secretly sleeping.

Depressed? I was, long before Andy had to do what an Andy had to do.

That's the drugs and rock 'n' roll out of the way, all we needed now for the weekend to be complete was some sex. Experience has shown that by now we should not have expected too much from the final part of Tom Jones (BBC1), a series which has been stylishly bold and enjoyably energetic, but the least sexy period romp I can remember.

Experience was right.
That just left Storyville: Naughty Boy (BBCL), the story of Ole Ege. a retired Danish pornographer who could easily have been invented by The Fast Show. This implausible Danish-made documentary positively bulged with rude images, but only after they had been treated with every computerised special effect you can find in a modern editing suite. Too much of this, I quickly realised. really would you make go blind.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breekfast (33021) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (1) (45779) 9.00 Good Living (1352330) 9.25 Style Challenge From the Ciothes Show Live (1348137)

9.50 Kilroy (T) (2088427) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (1) (1856392) 10.55 The Resily Useful Show (7) (8255866) 11.35 Change That (3071717)

12.00 News (T) (9595224) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (2706717)

12.35 Give Us A Clue (5479205) 1.00 News (T) and weather (48866) 1.30 Regional News (17548446)

1.40 The Weather Show (86442205) 1.45 Neighbours (T) (46334840) 2.10 Petrocelli 1970s crime series, with Barry Newman (ri (1140750)

3.00 Vets' School The progress of seven final-year students at Bristol University's veternary training school (r) (6359) . 3.30 Playdays (7805514) 3.50 Enchanted Lands (8375243) 4.00 Roald Dahl's Revolting Recipes (7809934) 4.15 Noeh's Island (3419601) 4.40 Goosebumps (6940137) 5.00 Newsround (T) (1739755) 5.10 Blue Peter (1) (8404695)

(T) (649486) 5.35 Neighbours (1) (1) (176243) 6.00 News (T) and weather (427) 6.30 Regional News (779)

7.00 This is Your Life Michael Aspel invites another unsuspecting personality to take a trip down memory lane (T) (1040) 7.30 Here and Now Julist Morris and the team introduce the magazine live from

Manchester (T) (663) 8.00 EastEnders Simon receives attention from an unexpected source; Frank sticks: his nose rate Ricky, and Blanca's affairs.

8.30 Spark Ashley feems a valuable lesson. numerated estantions of massed maneater Ursula (T) (6595)

9.00 News (T) and weather (8175) 9.30 Hotel A military reunion checks into the Adelphi, and it isn't long before manager Elleen Downey is coping with three retired

soldiers stuck in a 脏 (有) (11137) 10,00 Panorama in-depth reports on topical 10,40 On Side John Inverdals meets Alan Hansen, Jackie Stewart, Jenemy Guscott and Jonan Lorry, Last in series (T)

11.30 Film '97 with Barry Norman Review of Never Dies, with Pierce Brosnan making his second accearance as Bond. Torr Interviews director Oliver Stone about U-Turn, a black cornedy starting

Sean Penn (1) (21601) 12.00 The Sunshine Boys (1975) George Burns stars in an Oscar-wanning role with Water Matthau, playing a former vaudeville double act who reunita for a television special. Directed by Herbert Ross (304793)

1.45am Weather (7486825) 1.50 BBC News 24

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10.30 The Feminine Touch (1941, b/w) Cornedy with Don Ameche and Rosslind Russell. Directed by W. S. van Dyke li (60705755)

12.05pm The Phil Silvers Show (b/w) (r) (3491137) 12.30 Working Lunch (22243) (3491137) 12.30 Working Linch (22243) 1.00 The Greedysaurus Gang (1) (33062089) 1.05 Hairy Jeremy (1) (33061359) 1.10 The History Hour (2539868) 2.10 Going, Going, Gone (64705663) 2.40 News (1) (7951682) 2.45 Situation Vacent (1) (5091311) 3.25 News (1) (8111430) 3.30 The Vitage (1)

4.06 Ready Steedy Cook (392) 4.30 Through the Keyhole (2786311) 4.55 Esther (5172137) 5.30 Today's the Day (158) 6.00 The Simpsons (1) (287359) 6.20 Battlestar Galactics (r) (T) (922156)



Presenter Joenne Lumley (7.20pm)

7.20 Human Rights, Human Wrongs Journa Lumley presents the first in a new series (641953)

A Date with an Artist Brad Lochors and Chris Offill Series in which 12 British artists create new work in response to individuals and their environment (T) (205)

Trust Me, I'm a Doctor Chronic pain treated with a cream based on chillies; tinnitus (T)

8.30 Land of the Tiger Atrek across the Great Indian Desert (I) (997601) 9.20 Human Rights, Human Wrongs (r) (843330)

9.30 Never Mind the Buzzcocks (r) (1) (19779) 10.00 Pm Alan Partridge Last in series. (T)

(96330) 10.30 Newsmight (421885) 11.15 Oldle TV (749953) 11.55 Weather (288224)

12.00 The Midnight Hour (87606) 12.30em Learning Zone: Russell Grant (6759373) 12.45 Outsiders in - Muslims in Europe (2652642) 1.35 Poland (8311248) 2.00 Art and Craft of Movie Making (54199) 4.00 Greek Language and People (53354) 5.00 Dynamics of Teams - (3029606)

Management (8128248)

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6.00am GMTV (2854088) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (T) (1357885) 9.55 Regional News (7100427) 10.00 The Time, the Place (27885) 10.30 This Morning (1) (97692717)

12.20pm Regional News (9591408) 12.30 News (F) and weather (5498330) 12.55 The Fashion Police (1) (5473021) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (73719682) 1.50 Countdown to Christmas (T) (33289971) 2.20 Murder, She Wrote (8089663)

3.20 News (1) (3161935) 3.25 Regional News and weather (45) 1476) 3.30 Tots TV (2232885) 3.40 The Slow Norris (8371427) 3.50 Snow White - a Wolves, Witches and Glants Christmas Special (2236601) 4.05 Sooty and Co (3491205) 4.25 Men in Black (3400953) 4.50 How 2 (6964717)

5.10 WALES: The House Transforming a derelict Victorien house into a home for the 21st century (r) (T) (9467601) 5.10 Yan Can Cook: The Best of China (r) (9467801) 5.40 News (T) and weather (319021)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (193446) 6.25 HTV Weather (206917) 6.30 Regional News (T) (175) 6.56 HTV Crimestoppers (503327)
7.00 Tailding Telephone Humbers with Philip Schofield (3408)

7.30 Coronation Street Fred is on hand when Liz gets into trouble; and Natalle's auspicions are confirmed (T) (359) 8.00 Mind the Baby, Mr Bean Mr Bean, aka Rowan Atkinson, is left in charge of a baby at a funfair — a recipe for disaster

8.30 Michael Barrymore's Strike it Rich (1)



Helen Mirren as Maggie (9.00pm)

9.00 Painted Lady (2/2) Murder mys begun yesterday. Sir Charles is brutally murdered and a valuable 16th-century painting is stolen. Maggie sets about tracking down the missing artwork, but finds herself in danger. Confirmed after the News (1) (5935)

10.00 News at Ten (T) and weather (90156) 10,30 Regional News and weather (812243) 10.40 Painted Lady Conclusion (T) (996514) 11.40 WALES: B&H Ice Hockey Cup Finel: Cardiff Devils v Ayr Scottish Eagles (855088)

11.40 Highlander (855088) 12.40am Football Extra (8535606) 1.40 War of the Worlds (7299828) 2.35 Rockmania (5661489) 3.30 ITV at the Belfort Festival (28644) 4.30 Making Contact (62460) 5.00 Coronation Street (15064) 5.30 News (15489) . . .

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As HTV West except: 12.55-1,25 A Country Practice (5473021) 2.20-3.20 Blue Healers (3089663) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9467601)

6.25-7.00 Central News (435205) 11.40 Charlie Grace (855088) 1.40am Late and Load (7299828) 2.35 Central Jobfinder '97 (27728712) 4.50 Eastern Mtx (79291809)

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(48273175) 11.10 High Sign (9742040) 11,30 The Trouble with Kids (2750) 12.00 Right to Reply (97069)

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2.30 Raging Planet (99866) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (953) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (208) 4.30 Coltrane's Planes and Automobiles

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12.50am Arthouse (8558557) 1.50-2.50 Tricky Live (7277606)

11.00 The Real Holiday Show (755514) 11.35 The American Football Big Matri

CHANNEL 4

5.55am Sesame Street (68359) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (61717)

9.00 Something So Right (77205) 9.30 You Were Meant for Me (1948, b/w) with Dan Dailey and Jeanne Crain. A musical about a bandleader and his wife whose career is stalled by the Wall Street Crash.

Directed by Lloyd Bacon (48273175) 11.10 High Sign (b/w). A 1920 Buster Keston short (9742040)

11.30 The Trouble with Kids The first of five programmes following four tamilies experiencing problems with their offspring (1/5) (1) (2750) 12.00 Sesame Street (97069) 12.30pm Light Lunch (10137) 1.30 Earthscape (1) (86479359) 1.35 The Last Winter (1990) with David Ferry.

The story of a young man's acceptance of the end of childhood. Directed by Aaron Kim Johnston (T) (38808750) S.30 Collectors' Lot This week, from Otley Hall, Suffolk, featuring the Beverly Sisters' cushion collection (1) (953) 4.00 Fitteento-One (T) (208) 4,30 Countdown (T) (2788779) 4,55 Montel Williams (T) (5167205) 5,30 Pet Rescue (T) (224)

6.00 Home Improvement Tim and Mark fall 6.30 Hollycalcs Teen scap (T) (717)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (654663) 7.55 Innocents Gained The first of four daily programmes featuring letters from British children to the leaders of countries exposed in Innocents Last (see 9pm) (965205)

8,00 Movers and Shakers: Strike Lucky Indoor games: Asian boardgame Carrom which has close links with anooker (1/5)

Partoland A series looking at the pleasures and pains in the world of pantomime. Tonight, a production of *Mother Goose* with Matthew Kelly (3/4) (T) (9205)



Innocents Lost: Dying Rooms A two-part documentary exposing against children (1) (8427) 10.00 Cracker Fitz is still on the trail of the murderers Tina and Sean (2/3) (r) (T)

11.05 Armstrong and Miller (T) (276427) 11.35 The American Football Big Match

12.55em Trans World Sport (r) (8557828) 1.55 Football Italia (r) (3529793) 3.10 Springhill A drams about life on

Liverpool housing estate (9180539) 4.35 Colonel Effingham's Raid (1945, b/w)
starring Charles Coburn. A comedy about
a retired army officer crusading against a retired army officer crusading against corrupt local politicians. Directed by Irving Pichel (2112880) 5.50 Terrytoons (7476422)

CHANNEL 5

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6.00am 5 News Early (4552175)

7.30 Milkshakei (7832934) 7.35 Kablami (9424427) 8.00 Havakazoo (r) (4554381) 8.30 WideWorld Documentary series about

9.00 Espresso (7396427) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (4751866) 10.30 Pole Stars (r) (T) (1504066) 11.00 Leeze (3670086) 11.50 Double Espresso (90236359) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (7809458) 12.30pm

Family Affairs (r) (1) (1852224) 1.00 5 News Update (88194514) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (4445446) 2.00 5's Company. Live entertainment show (3640224) 3.30 Ice Pewn (1995) with Paul Cross and

Dan Haggerty, A drama set in the world of ice skating. Directed by Barry Samson 5.20 5's Company - Late Extra (56199021)

5.30 Whittle Audience participation quiz show (4018088)6.00 100 Per Cent The game show without a host (4008601)

6.30 Family Affairs Chris is trustrated by Annie's sex barr (T) (4099953) 7.00 Exclusive includes a look at the trend for celebrities releasing their own lines of designer clothes (5467886)

7.30 Animal Outposts The different species of seabird that live around the Galapagos Islands (T) (4095137)

8.00 Period Rooms in Newcastle, the contestants try to recreate an 1880s farmhouse kitchen (T) (5476514) 8.30 5 News (T) (5455021)



Thew and Waterman (9.00pm)

9.00 The Sweeney: Money, Money, Money A pools winner becomes the victim of blackmail. Vintage Flying Squad drama series with John Thaw and Dennis Waterman (8033717)

10.00 The Comedy Network A showcase for British comedians (6459917) 10.30 Tibs and Fibs irreverent medical quiz (8360475)

11.00 The Jack Docherty Show Chat and cornecty (5274446) 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (6351088) 12,45am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine (24532118)

3.45 Asian Football Show (5275151) 4.35 The Streets of San Francisco Police drama series (T) (5187489) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (7344064)

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UK engines could drive French Toyota plant



The Toyota Funcoupé is built for life on city roads

MILLIONS of pounds worth of investment could still be rescued for Britain despite the announcement expected from l'oyota tomorrow that it will build a new car plant in France. The plant will need up to 100,000 engines a year, which could be supplied from Toyota's plant at Deeside, North Wales. That would mean more jobs and big investment for Deeside,

by the Japanese this year. Handing Deeside the main supply contract would compen-sate Britain for the loss of the £350 million investment expect-

Toyota would still not confirm its decision last night but a formal announcement is expecttomorrow morning after leaks from French government officials last week.

facturing site at Burnaston in Derbyshire had been snubbed by company executives in Ja-pan. Burnaston builds the Corolla and Avensis models.

British management wanted to make a third model, a small city car, and bid fiercely for the investment to add to £1.1 billion worth already spent in Britain.

But the car would be a 1-litre to L3-litre model almost entirely for sale on the Continent, where small cars account for up to half Toyota's main European manu- of all sales. It is thought Toyota

should be situated nearer to its main customers in keeping with company philosophy of manu-facturing where it sells.

However, the French plant

will need engines when it opens in three years. Toyota's plant on Deeside is one of the most advanced in Europe. Although relatively few jobs would be gained in Wales, investment in a new automated production line could be worth almost £100 million and would contribute to

Prototypes of Toyota's new small car for France were unveiled at the Frankfurt Motor Show in September. Called Fun models, they are designed to spend much of their lives on city roads. They will have low fuel consumption of about 80 miles to the gallon and will be among the most environmentally friendly cars, using Toyota's "lean burn" technology, which reduces the amount of fuel needed.

offer 1,500 jobs under **New Deal** By PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

TESCO, the supermarket chain, today gives the Govern-ment's Welfare to Work New Deal jobs programme its biggest business boost by offering up to 1,500 jobs to young people on the scheme. Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, will welcome Tesco's

Tesco to

move, which also offers free training to young people taken on by small shopkeepers based near Tesco stores. Although the £2.5 billion jobs programme is attracting widespread business backing

from a range of companies, including Marks & Spencer, Ford and J Sainsbury, Tesco's announcement is the single largest company decision to support the scheme.
The New Deal programme

sims to get 250,000 young people off welfare and into one of four options — a job, full-time education or training. working in the voluntary sector or on the Government's environmental task force. The New Deal pilots start

on January 5 in 12 areas around the country. Tesco will begin recruiting young people in its head office, two depots and 16 stores within two of the pathfinder" areas.

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THE Government is preparing to strike deals on energy policy with the electricity enerators in a bid to save the coal industry.

In the past few days it has made top-level approaches to the three main generators urging them to increase coal stockpiles and do everything else in their power to boost the market for UK coal.

In return the generators are demanding greater security for their market and for indications about their future during reviews on regulation and the trading of electricity.

The Government is thought to be receptive to giving National Power, PowerGen and Eastern incentives to burn coal such as room to develop through integration in the UK market and guarantees that their position will not be further threatened by forced sales of power stations. Ministers are understood to be willing to include public policy ations to draft an overarching framework for energy.

senior Labour source said: "We are getting to the point of having an energy policy. Before the coal crisis our policy was that we didn't have a policy but now the

semblance of a balanced energy policy is being put together." He said an action plan, largely drafted by Richard Caborn, Minister for the Regions, was being implement-ed. The survival plan for coal has been envisaged as medi-um term, but the generators are under pressure to engineer a short-term fix to head off colliery dosures.

The Government, which last week halted all new gasfired power stations, is expected to announce a further boost for deep-mined coal, and is close to tighter guidelines for opencast mining.
Government insiders say

that the coal crisis - in which up to eight pits and 5,000 jobs are at risk — has focused minds on other energy problems such as the change to the energy mix when the old Magnox nuclear stations begin to run down generating. Implementation of the

plans to shape energy is une comurou o the Prime Minister's office. This further underscores the deep dissatisfaction that is believed to be held about the Department of Trade and Industry's handling of the coal crisis and of energy policy. Last week John Battle,

charge of energy, announced the moratorium on gas-fired stations to the Trade and Industry Select Committee while his written evidence to its inquiry — faxed the previous day — said a moratorium was "not directly relevant" and case-by-case considerations would continue.

The Government's approach to the generators for help to alleviate the coal crisis could trigger further tender-ings for millions of tonnes of coal. The generators realise they are the key to the crisis, short of government subsidies or purchases, and will maximise their bargaining position before ordering.

RJB Mining, the biggest producer, faces the direct threat of closing pits if a ten-million tonne shortfall in contracts is not bridged with fresh orders. This week RJB meets with PowerGen, which has not placed an order for RJB al for after March 31 whe the present contracts expire.

National Power could place further orders with RJB in the near future. It has already said that it may be looking for a little more coal and now faces government pressure to place orders at home rather than buy imported stocks. RJB said yesterday that it was trying to compete with the price of imported coal.

Luton airport

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT OVERSEAS airport authorities are lining up to

become the first foreign investor to run a

leading British airport. Three of the most aggressively marketed airports in western Europe have been shortlisted in the contest to

take over the operation of Luton airport for the

next 30 years. Copenhagen, Frankfurt and Schipol airport, Amsterdam, are believed to be

the main contenders among the remaining bidders to take on a concession that includes a

E170 million development programme.

They see Luton as a key link in forging closer links with the British passenger market and

challenging Heathrow.

Other bidders in the contest, expected to be

completed within a month, are British train

and bus operators Stagecoach, National Ex-



John Monks, left, TUC General Secretary, and Adair Turner, CBI Director-General, are at odds on union recognition

Ministers back CBI over unions

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government is backing big business against the trade unions over a key issue of the agreement on union recognition that business and union leaders will put to ministers tomorrow.

CEATRICE ANTI union leftwingers already disenchanted with the Government and will underline the doseness of Labour and business under Tony Blair.

Leaders of the Confederation of British Industry and the Trades Union Congress will tomorrow hold talks with Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, on the agreement that they have

reached over union recognition. This will form the spine of the Government's White Paper on fairness at work, to be published early next year. The agreement, details of

which were disclosed by The talks between the CBI and the TUC after Mr Blair asked them to marrow the gap between business and unions. over Labour's plan for statutory recognition of unions for

collective bargaining.
The CBI and the TUC have been unable to agree on some issues, including the definition

balloted. They have agreed that unions should have rights to represent employees, and that employers should have rights to derecognise unions after a ballot, as spell as agreeing a three-year-lay-ofagreeing a three-year

The CBL/TUC document says: "The CBI and TUC are committed to achieving further improvements in Britain's employee relations."

However, the two sides are divided over what level of support for recognition by employees in a ballot will trigger statutory recognition, although the agreement explicitly says that "employers and

trade unions both have an interest in ensuring that any new legislation in this area is clear and workable".

Labour's policy is that where a majority of the relevant workforce votes for a should be a statutory right for the union to be recognised. Ministers and the CBI say

that this means that a majority of the relevant workforce being balloted must vote for recognition before a union will have a right to be recognised. However, TUC leaders insist that it means that only a majority of those actually voting is necessary for recognition.

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lethargic half-day in City dealing rooms, is going to be different this year. Teething troubles with the Stock Exchange's new elec-16 Antonio's lawyer (in dis-

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made this week. minute manipulation. Dealers put few orders in early in the morning and remove orders

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Foreigners eye | Slower growth is predicted

BY JANET BUSH BODNOMICS EDITOR

THE British economy is set to slow sharply next year as consumers lose confidence and as the Government's tax-and-spend policies en-sure that UK interest rates are held higher than most other industrialised countries for most of 1998, according to the latest quarterly report from the Chartered Institute of Marketing The institute is expecting growth to fall to only 1.7 per cent in 1998, considerably less than

the 2.25 per cent being forecast by the Treasury Douglas McWilliams, economic saviser, is not predicting anything like the full-blown recessions of 1980 and 1990, but a period of below-trend growth or a "growth recession". He said: "This time the economy will gently go off the boil and, indeed, for those companies facing skill shortages or input cost pressure growth slowdown may make life easier."

City out to foil rogue deals

BY ADAM JONES

DECEMBER- 31, usually a

tronic dealing system. Sets, have left fund managers fretting that the market could plunge just before it closes. cutting the vital end-of-year value of their fund — and their

for December 31 is to cut the half-day in half again, leaving just two hours' trading. The into a smaller period to minimise the time when the order book is sparse. That would provide the liquidity to stop any rapid movements," said one insider. A decision may be

Sets is vulnerable to lastbefore the 4.30pm close, so rogue orders made in the orders" to stop rogue traders closing minutes can have a huge effect on the closing value of the FISE 100 index. Two traders at JP Morgan have been suspended after a flurry of late deals caused a 38-

point drop in the index. Fund managers are in urgent discussions with the Stock Exchange to minimise their vulnerability on New Year's Eve, when liquidity is generally low,

Fund managers are, in any. case, likely to ensure that order books have enough "sensible

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ng the market. However, this itself could be classed as market manipulation. One head of trading thought it unlikely that anyone would

try to manipulate the FTSE 100 for their own ends on December 31, saying: "Everyone will want to seem whiter than white at the end of the year." Options for a long-term solution to the problem include a 4.10pm close instead of 4.30pm. This would put Sets in line with Liffe, the futures

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